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# Pell grant cuts affect students

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Budget cuts in the federal government could directly affect students at Georgia College as early as Summer 2012.

Currently, there are two proposed changes to the current way the Pell Grant is available to students. Both President Obama and the House Republicans plan to cut the grant in order to make up some of the current defi-

cit in the federal government. These cuts would **Pell Grant** make it more difficult for cuts students to qualify for

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Source: USA Today

the grant.

The major propositions in the GOP's bill maximum available money are to cut the maximum awarded to available money awardstudents by ed to students who qual-\$845 ify by \$845, end funding to other student financial 2) End funding programs and eliminate to other most of the money that student financial goes to academic support programs agencies, according to an article from the USA To-3) Eliminate day. This proposed plan most of the would make the amount money going of money spent per fiscal to academic year on the grant \$17.5

> Obama's plan would not cut nearly as much from Pell, but it would still affect many students

who rely on it. While his plan would not affect the programs that the GOP's plan would, it will still slice the amount of money spent per fiscal year on it. The new plan would eliminate the grant for summer classes. Students would not be able to use Pell anymore if they wanted to take classes outside of the Fall and Spring semesters. Obama's plan also affects graduate students specifically.

"One way Obama is going to fund the Pell grant is by cutting the loan interest subsidies on the Stafford loan for graduate and professional students," said Financial Aid Director Cathy Crawley. "What this is going to do is allow graduate students to qualify for unsubsidized loans only.

The current Pell Grant pays the interest on student loans off for graduate students as long as they are still in school, but the new plan would eliminate this. If Obama's bill passes graduate students would have interest accumulate for their student loans. The money spent per fiscal year would be \$24 billion, if Obama's bill passes.

"I only got \$800 from the Pell Grant. I got a lot more loans that I'll have to pay back with interest," said junior psychology major Katie Anderson. "I will still be able to attend Georgia College, but it will probably take me a lot longer to pay off my student loans.'

Others feel the cuts aren't in the right

"Obama talked a lot about how important a higher education is, and how we need to try and better ourselves, but then he is trying to cut what minimal assistance the government gives us. I don't really understand how that's suppose to help us," said senior French major Emily Barkelew.



LAYOUT BY REBECCA BURNS

MATT KUHL STAFF WRITER

In the early hours of Feb. 25, the myCATS email system crashed leaving it completely inaccessible to students.

Information Technology was expecting the Ecats system to become unusable at some point in the near future, but the crash came as a surprise, according to Interim Chief Information Officer Ed Boyd.

The problem stemmed from the way the Ecats system stored messages.

"All the messages would be in a huge database, and there was a table that would tell the software," Boyd said. "But what happened is that the table got corrupted, so we still have the messages, we just don't know right now where they go.'

Fortunately, according to

Boyd, IT had been preparing to replace Ecats since last Fall.

"We tested out things like Google Apps and Microsoft's Live@edu, and we talked to SGA about it, to get their input, since they represent the student

In the end, IT settled on Google Apps, which provides students with a version of Google's popular Gmail service. as well as certain other Google products such as Google Docu-

After the crash, IT began a frantic effort to create the individual student accounts — all while moving their offices out the soon-to-be-renovated second floor of Chappell Hall.

The new service would need accounts for all current students, all potential students who have been accepted, and all students who graduated in 2009 or 2010.

IT's goal was to get the approximate 8,000 and 9,000 new accounts entered into the system, by Monday, Feb. 28.

Students were appreciative of the hard work and happy to have an email account by Mon-

day.
"It (the new email system) was up by Monday which was nice because that is when we started class again," sophomore mass communication major Khristy Marion said, "But it was annoying over the weekend because I didn't know what was going on because I didn't know if it was just my email or if it was everyone's.

Though the new email accounts were available on Monday, the emails that were in the old accounts were not available

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#### GMAIL FEATURES

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# New three-year science degree offered

Program, set to begin in Fall, projected to save students approximately \$15,000

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

Georgia College's nursing program got a huge boost recently, as nursing graduates from the university who took the national licensing exam for the first time in 2010 earned the highest pass rate out of all public colleges and universities across the state.

With 83 out of 84 Georgia College graduates who

took the exam passing, the school earned a 98.81 pass rate. This figure far exceeded the Georgia Board of Nursing's acceptable performance minimum of 80 percent. The rate was also well past the statewide average of 89.65 percent as well as the nation-wide pass rate of 87.42 percent.

'The high pass rate is just a national reaffirmation of the excellent job our faculty and staff as well as our students do in combi-

nation to help our students do well in the program, graduate and then pass the licensing exam," said Judith Malachowski, Director of the School of Nursing at Georgia College. "So it's one of those things where you know you're doing a good job, and now at least the whole United States if not the world knows that graduates from Georgia College do very well on the exam.

The national licensing

exam is essentially the second step for students in becoming a certified nurse.

"When individuals go to a college or university to become a registered nurse, they take specific courses and then earn a degree," Malachowski said. "The degree these students earn is a Bachelor's of Science in nursing. The graduation gives them a degree, but it does not make them a nurse. So you have to pass the exam to hold a li-

In order to help prepare students for the exam after graduating, Georgia College's nursing program incorporates several strategies to help increase the success of the students. Undergraduate students take standardized exams each semester to help measure their progress. In addition to that measure, students

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# Nursing graduate test scores climb to highest in Georgia

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

The Georgia College Department of Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy will be launching a new degree program that will enable incoming freshmen to graduate with bachelor's degrees in chemistry or physics in just three years. Beginning in the Fall 2011 semester, chemistry and physics majors can join residential learning communities in which they will take classes all year around. The program is also projected to save students at least \$15,000 in tuition and housing costs by entering the program.

Around 150 students will be accepted into the program, and they will all be housed in one residential building at West

Campus.

The basic idea of the program is if you do 10 classes in the summer, you can get a bachelor's degree in physics or chemistry in three years. The attractive part of it is there is a cost savings as well as time savings," said Department Chair Ken McGill. "But it also works well with our new living and learning community. Since the West Campus contracts are for 12 months, it just makes sense if you have time to go to school in the summer, you can finish up early.'

Freshman students will take identical core science classes. In the residential learning community, instructors will hold special sessions in hallways, and students will be allowed to work problems on the walls with the use of wall coverings. The West Campus Center and the Wellness and Recreation Center will also be used by the program. That's a really awesome

idea, since the people in those programs are always getting together and working prob-lems anyway," said senior middles grades education major and chemistry minor David Paperno, who is familiar with the program.

Prospective students will go through the standard application process to Georgia College, and any students interested in chemistry or physics will be contacted by the university about the new program. Current Georgia College

students will also be allowed to participate in the program.

'Anyone can adapt to it. If

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Senior nursing major Ashley Brooks administers a flu shot to Richard Greene, professor of music, in September 2009. The program has recently been in the spotlight for its high test scores with 98.81 percent of Georgia College nursing graduates passing the national licensing exam.

#### **News Flash**

#### Flagg Social Justice winners honored

The Georgia College President's Commission on Diversity and Black Student Alliance handed out three awards to deserving people at the Fourth Annual Flagg Social Justice Legacy Banquet. Art as an Agent for Change received the award for student/student organization. Anne Bowen was honored for work with Café Central while Linda Watson-Kaufman was honored for her work with the youth in Milledgevile/Baldwin County.

#### My favorite part about volunteering in the Learning Center is working with the students and helping them learn. The students are what

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it is all about to me." Dee Fuller, Learning Center voluntee

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#### **NUMBER CRUNCH**

Over a dozen counterfeit \$100 bills have been reported to the Milledgeville Police Department by businesses and banks in the area. The bills were \$5 bills originally and then bleached and reprinted to represent \$100 bills.

Source: The Union-Recorder

## **W**но's WHO AT GEORGIA COLLEGE

A peek into the lives of people on campus we should know

#### **Chris Lamphere of Counseling Services:**



Lamphere

Chris Lamphere is a counselor for Georgia College specializing in alcohol and drug related education. Lamphere enjoys working with college students.

"I really enjoy college age students ....there is a greater ability for them to change things for themselves," Lam-

Lamphere received his master's degree from Central Michigan University in Counseling and School Guidance and has worked full-time at Georgia College since 2006.

Georgia College offers free and confidential counseling services to all students.

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Information compiled by: Victoria Garofalo

# **Bill strives to bring** more retirees to city

REBECCA BURNS SENIOR REPORTER

Capitals, columns and culture — that and Milledgeville's exceptional climate are on their way to be certified as the perfect blend for retirees nationwide.

Rep. Rusty Kidd introduced a bill early last month that would create a pilot program to test what state retirement community certification would do for marketing Georgia to

"A lot of smaller communities would welcome anything they could do to be on a state of Georgia website. Somebody from up north or along the coast down in Florida might look on the Georgia website and see that they're a certified retirement community," Kidd told

the Macon Telegraph.

According to City Councilman Steve
Chambers, the pilot program is not Milledgeville's first attempt to bring in retirees.

'We've had a committee through the Partners for Progress, which is an arm of the Chamber of Commerce, that's been working on this for probably about three years and trying to get us more in line for areas of retirement," Chambers said.

One of the goals outlined by Partners for Progress is to promote and market the city as a retirement community, specifically to become a nationally recognized Retirement City and first approved Georgia Certified Re-

#### **Learning in Retirement Schedule**

- LUNCH & LEARN: "The Galapagos: The Perils of Charisma" (March 4)
- TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP: Search Engine Optimization (March 16)
- Support Group: For Visually Impaired
- Persons(March 17)
- BOOK CLUB: "The Girl Who Knocked the Hornet's Nest" (March 17)
- WRITERS GROUP (March 17)

LUNCH & LEARN: Milledgeville Convention and Visitors Bureau Presentation (March 17)

- TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP: Facebook (March 30)
- Tour: Sinclair Water Authority & Rock Hawk Effigy (March 31)

tirement destination.

In addition to these efforts, the appeal of Georgia and its neighboring states has been on the rise for the last several years.

'Georgia for years and the southeast in general has become a point of interest. It used to be that everyone wanted to go to Florida," Chambers said. "Now it's more up into the Carolinas, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. We have such moderate climates that especially people up North — that's all they think about is getting away from that cold weather

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# Classes of '60 and '61 fund new scholarships for women on campus

CONNOR JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Starting with the Class of 1960, former alumni have begun putting together scholarships for students at Georgia College.

As the HOPE Scholarship funds continue to dwindle, alumni have started to push for ways to give back to the student body.

Beginning with the women of the Class of 1960, a \$10,000 scholarship fund was formed. The scholarship will be given to a woman, mainly because while they were in school the college was strictly a women's college. In addition, there are other qualifications, including GPA and involvement,

"The scholarship is still too new for someone to re-ceive it yet," said Herbert Agnew, director of alumni relations. "The scholarship is typically not given until a year later. This gives the endowment enough time to mature to the point the money will regenerate enough every year to where there will always be money available. The scholarships are also done by fiscal years, not calen-

Typically, the university gives the organization raising the funds three years to get money together. However, the Class of 1960 managed to raise all of their funds for their \$10,000 endowment in just one year.

Class of 1960 alumnus that the student applying Joe Donahue said they Georgia College is still an started a scholarship, who

for their endowment fairly

"By the first of June, we only lacked about \$300," Donahue said. "Now we're up to about \$17,000."

Donahue also discussed that it is sometimes difficult to rally together classes of the school who were here prior to the switch to a coed university. "We come from a class

that had a lot of strong tra-dition and commitment," Donahue said. "We were one of the first classes to push to ensure our university stayed an all girl's college. That's why it is hard to rally pre- coed graduates. However, all they really need to do is come down here for one weekend and realize that Dr. Leland is great and that rigor and great faculty."

Some students agree that the scholarships being created by former alumni is a great way to combat the problems with HOPE.

"This is a great thing that the class 1960 and 1961 are doing," SGA secretary-elect Caroline Clements said. "It is a great way to ensure that students continue to have equal opportunities for funding through outside sources other than HOPE or loans.'

Donahue believes her class has set a precedent for upcoming classes.

"I believe we have started something that every class will hopefully do from now on. If one class looks back now and sees the classes of '60 and '61 for the scholarship must managed to raise the funds institution with the same would be able to stop?"

#### Class of 1960 donates funds for new scholarship

- \$10,000 endowment formed by the women from the Class of 1960
- The new scholarship will be given to a woman since Georgia College was a women's college at the time they attended
- Minimum GPA and involvement requirements are still to be set
- Classes before 1960 have been difficult to rally together to form scholarships because not all agreed with the university's switch to

# College of Business sees major changes

CAITLIN RENN STAFF WRITER

The J. Whitney Bunting College of Business has made some slight changes to the programs they provide: no longer offering the general business major or the business communication minor.

The faculty of the College of Business voted last April to deactivate the general business major and the business communication minor, according to Matthew Liao-Troth. Dean of the College of

Business. "What we found was that students were using general business interchangeably with business undecided, and by senior year had changed to a major in a business discipline," Liao-Troth said. "With the business communication minor we found that no one was actually taking the minor, but in offering the advanced BComm

PROBLEM: From 2005-2010 only 10 students graduated with

College

of Business

fast facts

**SOLUTIONS:** 1. General Business major stopped accepting students last

2. Business Communication minor stopped accepting students last Fall

classes we were limiting the number of sections of the required BComm classes, which was creating a bottleneck for all business stu-

Dr. Dale Young, Associate Dean of the College of Business, also explained that large numbers of students chose the general business major, but very few actually completed it.

Students were transferring out to other areas, the two most popular being marketing and management," Young said.
"Those who wanted a truly flexible degree

have found that the Management major offers more degrees of freedom than the general business major," Lio-Troth said.

"For the business communication minor, we were finding that enrollments didn't match up with graduation rates," Young said. "Graduation rates were extremely low. Over a five year period from 2005 to 2010, only 10 students graduated with the minor. We couldn't justify placing resources into a minor that nobody was completing."

The College of Business stopped accept-

ing students for the general business major last Summer, but students already involved in the major will be able to complete the program. The business communication minor was discontinued last Fall.

Some students in the business school support the discontinuation of the general business major, like senior management information systems major Cooper Latham.

"Probably 15 percent of the students in the school of business have chosen the general business major. It's certainly not a program that attracts people," Latham said. "I truly feel like it's a fallback option for people who can't decide what they want. Studying a more specific topic is to their benefit.

Jake Ottoson, a sophomore business management major, also supports the deactivation of the general business major.

'I think it would be better to make people specialize in more specific business branches like marketing, finance, management, economics, etc," Ottoson said.

Young thinks these changes will improve the level of services that the College of Business can offer because they will be able to make better use of available resources.

# Freshmen depression rises across nation

Georgia College students face stress during transition from high school to college

Anna Morris Staff Writer

Today, first-year college students' emotional health is at its lowest point since 1985, according to a report by the Higher Education Research Institute of UCLA.

Director of Counseling Services at Georgia College, Mary Jane Phillips, said more freshmen women at Georgia College seem to have lower emotional health than freshmen men. 'First of all, Georgia College

has a female skewed population, Phillips said. "Women also seek medical care at a much higher rates than men. The number of women and men with low emotional health may be close, but because not a lot of men come to counseling, the number of women reporting low levels of emotional health goes up, and the number of men reporting low levels of emotional health goes down.'

Most freshmen that go to counseling have issues with high stress. According to Phillips, between 35 to 40 percent of the students she sees are freshmen feeling over-

"Everyone that comes in has some life stuff," Phillips said. 'Add that life stuff to several, small external stressors, and it all begins to pile up and become too hard to handle.

Several different problems contribute to a freshman experiencing high levels of stress. Financial and relationship issues seem to be the biggest problems, but the transition from high school to college is an important issue as well.

#### **Financial Problems**

Phillips said she counsels a lot

#### Tips to help avoid feeling depressed

Get out of College is not all about studying; it's about meeting your room: new people and trying new things. It is important to maintain a good balance. Counselors are employed by colleges to be used, **Use Counseling** so don't hesitate to visit Counseling Services if you

Use technology:

**Services:** 

are feeling anxiety or depressed for any reason. Social media outlets can help students keep in

contact with family and friends to keep them grounded during the transition from high school to college. Source: US News & World Report

of students with financial con-

There are several things that can affect a student financially including a parent getting laid off or a student losing the HOPE Scholarship. All of these factors can severely alter a first-year student's college experience. According to the 2010 CIRP

Freshman Survey, two-thirds of incoming students said their economic situation greatly affected their college choice. Kelsey Stone, a senior at Jones

County High School and incoming freshman for Fall 2011, is concerned about making money after leaving her parents' house. "I really worry about being able

to find a job, because that seems to be a necessity for a college freshman," Stone said. "I won't be living off my parents anymore, so I need some form of income, even if it's minimum wage. As far as financial issues go,

the HOPE scholarship can supply many students with a more manageable opportunity. However, at first it can be difficult trying to adjust to having fun while still trying to maintain the grades to keep HOPE. Freshman Michael Ericson said he ran into this problem during his first year at Georgia Col-

lege.
"I have found it very hard to keep HOPE and still enjoy college as much as I can," Ericson said. "But (now) I divide my time better as I understand how much is needed for classes.'

#### **Transition From High School To**

A relationship problem, which includes issues with a friend, significant other or roommate, is the number one reason most freshmen go to counseling. Phillips said that one of the biggest issues she sees in this area are situations dealing with long distance relationships. A lot of students come to college still holding onto their high school boyfriend or girlfriend, and can often times lead to symptoms of

Students are trying to figure out how to build their schedule around spending time with their boyfriend or girlfriend, their friends at college and their academics," Phillips said. "It can put a lot of stress on

Dealing with the transition from high school to college is something that all freshmen have

to learn how to handle. How they choose to cope with the transition really makes a difference in their stress level in college.

Not having enough structure is the key factor that is causing some freshmen to feel overwhelmed. With new friends, harder classes and more freedom, it can be hard trying to find the right balance.

Phillips suggests freshmen or anyone who is feeling over-whelmed—should try to find at least one person they can comfortably talk to when they are starting to feel stressed out.

Phillips said if more freshmen came to counseling, then most of their stress would subside. Unfortunately, there are a couple of things keeping freshmen from going to counselors for help. Seniors know who (the counselors) are; freshmen do not," Phillips said. "Either that, or they have

different expectations of counsel-

ors since high school counselors

were mostly responsible for helping with class schedules. If freshmen do not get the help they need when small stressors begin to bother them, it is possible that things will begin to pile up, and they can become clinically depressed.

It is best to talk things out with a counselor, or attend workshops offered through the university that may give pointers on how to deal with common stressors. Phillips put extra emphasis on the fact that talking to someone

about feelings of stress or depres-

sion does not mean someone is "If I have an issue, but I don't want to talk about it, I think that shows more of a psychological weakness than strength," Phillips

# TWLOHA chapter holds support walk

SUBMITTED BY COURTNEY COILE

The To Write Love On Her Arms chapter at Georgia College will be holding an Out of Darkness Campus Walk on March 12.

The walk will start at 4 p.m. on Front Campus, but this three to five mile walk will take place in communities across the country as

well.
"The walk on Friday is a recommended three miles, but participants can stop whenever they feel like it," said Abby Gibson, president of TWLOHA at Georgia College.

The proceeds of the walk will be donated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the foundation's research and educational programs to help prevent suicide and save lives. Participants will

be walking with thousands of other students nationwide to to provide support and increase awareness about depression and sui-

"In deciding to walk you are taking us a step closer to making suicide prevention a national priority," Gibson said.

Students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to participate in the walk.

"I think that suicide is an overlooked problem in the world and we don't realize how many people are effected by it because many people don't talk about it," said freshman undecided major Mary Saba. "I've had friends that have attempted suicide and I think making people aware of this issue by events such as this walk will help people suffering from depression and other

things realize that people care and that they aren't alone."

The TWLOHA chapter at Georgia College has been growing in membership and participation throughout the year. They have held several other events including days dedicated to self-injury and eating disorders. TWLOHA also participated in a Six Day Memoir Project, Campus Fest and participated in the national To Write Love On Her Arms day.

"We have really been surprised and excited about the positive response we've received from the students," Gibson said.

Gibson credits the Student Government Association as having a vital role in TWLOHA's success especially with the upcoming Out of Darkness Campus Walk.



Manoj Kuninti / Staff Photographer

**Greenhouse growth**The new plants in the Georgia College Greenhouse are starting to bloom for all to enjoy. The Georgia College Greenhouse has a collection of over 300 exotic plant species, and is used as a teaching and research lab for Georgia College Students and faculty. It is open throughout the year for educational tours and special events.

# Georgia College evolves through a decade of changes

Victoria Garofalo Staff Writer

Georgia College has seen radical

changes over the last 10 years.

Since 2001, there has been an increase in the student population. In Fall 2001, 5,047 students were enrolled, whereas today the university has around 6,633 students, according to the Office of Institutional Research. This is about a 31 percent increase in

"With changes in the students becoming more competitive, we're getting students who are really involved and care about the life of the university." said President Dorothy Leland.

According to Leland, this has to do with a 'holistic admission process,' in which the university looks at more than just numbers and scores when accepting students.

This past year, Georgia College had 4,089 incoming freshmen apply and 1,204 were accepted and enrolled, according to GACollege411.

Of the incoming freshmen, the average high school grade point average was a 3.36 and the average SAT score was 1669, 160 points above the 1509 national average.

"Approximately 92 percent of entering freshmen who are from Georgia

are HOPE scholars with SAT scores significantly higher than that national average," according to Georgia College records as of Fall 2009.

"My sister went to Georgia College and it's low-key, it's also the third best school in Georgia and it was a good size for me," said junior marketing major Drew Meyer.

Ten years ago, Georgia College was far less well known than it is today. It is still expanding and progressing towards a bright future, ever-changing and improving. Georgia College had just become a member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges in 2001, making it the only one thus far

Georgia.

"Georgia College is a small version of Athens and I liked that," freshman political science major Michael Ca-

Another thing that works in Georgia College's favor in attracting new students and retaining the old is the fact that money is being spent to improve University Housing options.

According to Georgia College's website, Georgia College has invested almost \$120 million into student housing since 2002.

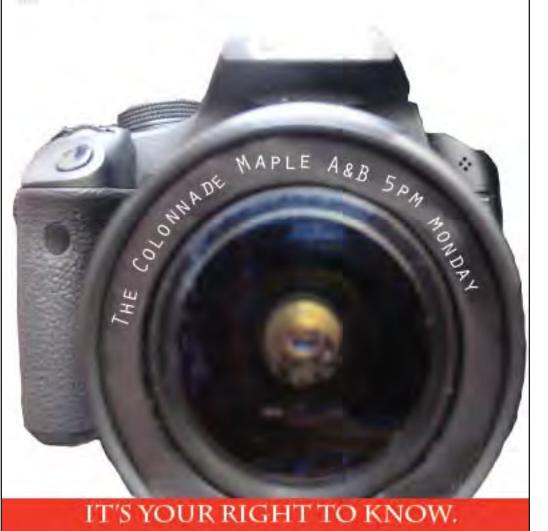
"In the past ten years, we have more than doubled our on-campus occupancy and provided our students some of the best housing facilities in the state," said Cindy McClanahan, interim associate director of student development and marketing coordinator for University Housing. "We made this investment because we know that a significant portion of learning outside the classroom occurs in the Residence Halls and apartments. Living on campus is a crucial part of a Georgia College education."

Due to these expenditures, University Housing is able to offer a place for students to live that is close to campus

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and snow. Everybody went to Florida then several years ago all the hurricanes came through and all that people were flocking out of Florida...All of a sudden Georgia became really attractive. We don't have near all that mess but we still have a moderate climate, still have nice coastal areas. We have the mountains."

Georgia College's presence also provides added incentive for retirees

"One thing that is attractive.
.. to people that are retiring is a continuation of the lifestyle of learning," Chambers said.
"With all the notoriety of Alzheimer's and all this going on people understand more that though they are 70 or 65 year old or whenever they decide to retire, they don't just become a couch potato and sit down. Things that they are looking for aren't necessarily entertainment but things that are stimulating."

Georgia College fills this need with its Learning in Retirement Program. The program provides local and regional opportunities for retirees to remain active. Members have taken trips to Savannah, Charleston and the Fox Theatre in Atlanta; visited Georgia College's Museum of Natural History and Planetarium; and carpooled to theatres in Macon. Some members also participate in the program's book club and writers group. While the program does not offer classes, its members hear from professors about topics ranging from The

Galapagos to the Middle East.
According to Carole Stickline the Office Manager of the
Learning in Retirement Program, the program is important
to the lives of retirees and highly valued by its members.

ly valued by its members.

"There are some communities that don't have other than a senior citizens center where mainly they play bingo or whatever," Stickline said. "But this opportunity here at GCSU, it affords us a wealth of knowledge from all the professors...You can go on trips; you can not go on trips. We can go

to the Centennial Center and exercise or take aerobics. And there are some people that just go to lunch; some people just go on trips. You can do as much or little as you like."

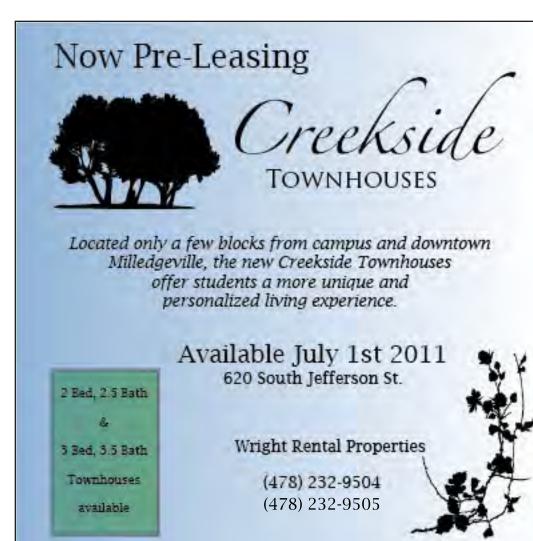
Stickline, who is originally from Maryland and retired from Woodstock, Ga., learned about the retirement program from a newspaper advertisement.

"You have people like me that come from somewhere and just want to meet new people and do new things," Stickline said. "I don't have a college background. I was a radioactive technologist for 38 years so it's nice for me to get away from medicine and learn about the Galapagos."

The program currently has

108 members.

The bill introduced by Kidd would result in state funding for the city's efforts and allow the city to "really become aggressive about (promoting itself as a retirement community)" according to Chambers. If the bill passes the Georgia Certified Retirement Community Program would be run by the Department of Economic Development.



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must pass a comprehensive exam very similar to the national licensing exam before graduating with their bachelor's degree. Malachowski said the national licensing exam can be taken at almost any time throughout the year and that most students generally take the exam within one to two months after completing their undergraduate degree.

Each academic year, Georgia College's School of Nursing admits 104 students, with 56 of those coming in the Fall and 48 of those coming in the Spring. The program is very competitive to get into, and the university receives an average of about two applications for each available space. The program has been very strong, averaging a 97.9 percent retention rate across all the cohorts since Fall 2007.

Malachowski said those sta-

tistics prove to be very attractive to both prospective students and their parents.

"Overall schools in Georgia do well. Georgia schools are right up there in terms of scores across the nation, so if you have a friend or relative that wants to go to nursing school, Georgia is a good place to start," Malachowski said. "And what's great is that Georgia College had a higher pass rate than any of those schools this past year. We trumped all of them."

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in the new inboxes.

"The worst part was that they weren't able to recover the emails because I had sent a lot of important things to myself," sophomore early childhood education major Brittanyanne Cahill said.

In addition to the email changes, IT is continuing to try and fix the PAWS system found in myCATS.

On Dec. 20, PAWS, the electronic system students access for services including registration, financial aid and records, went offline for a software update. In emails sent out to students beforehand, university officials suggested that the upgrade would be complete by Dec. 23. But, IT ran into an unexpected problem.

"MyCATS and PAWS run using two different software programs, although they're made by the same company," Boyd said. "And we needed to update the software running PAWS, so we took the opportunity of the winter holidays for that, since it would require downtime."

However, when they began to install the upgrade, they found that the updated software for PAWS was not fully compatible with the software for myCATS.

"The upgrade itself went fine," Boyd said. "Except that the single sign-in functionality for myCATS did not work with PAWS."

Instead, IT set up a separate sign-in page to allow access to PAWS until they can remedy the problem.

According to Boyd, the latest version of the software that powers myCATS is compatible with the software running PAWS, but it would be a major upgrade. IT plans to conduct the upgrade, but there is currently no definite timetable for completion of the project.

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and the downtown area.

Even Admissions Assistant, Linda Blair said the draw to Georgia College is that "everything is walking distance. It's small, but not tiny; it's compact, you can get around to everywhere."

When Georgia College's Loan Clerk, GeGee Guy, attended Georgia College as a freshman in 2001, her tuition for 13 hours was \$1,266. If she were a freshman entering this year, her tuition would be \$3,142—about two and a half times more expensive.

Today, the college is about 40 percent male and 59 percent female, according to GACollege411. This is similar to the 2001 trend and can also be seen in the overall percentages of men versus women attending colleges across the country.

Junior nursing major Katherine Allen is one of many students that chose Georgia College because of a specific program offered at the university.

"I heard that the nursing program was one of the best in the public schools in Georgia and that's what made me choose Georgia College," Allen said.

Another increasing trend at Georgia College is the Greek community. Currently, there are 10 groups, five male and five female. The newest chapters that have been added since 2001 include: Kappa Delta, Delta Sigma Phi, Zeta Tau Alpha and Theta Chi.

There are many positives that have continued to draw students to Georgia College; the tight-knit, small-town atmosphere, the top quality educational opportunities—which itself has even improved over time, with more majors and fields of concentrations now being offered. Perhaps most importantly Georgia College has continued to allow students to personally and professionally grow and prosper, to help them make focused career goals and dreams a reality.

## Make a note of it

Phi Mu Gamma Sigma at Georgia College Participates in National Ritual Celebration Week

The inaugural National Ritual Celebration Week will be observed March 1-7, 2011. During this week, fraternity and sorority chapters, campus communities and inter/national organizations will raise awareness of the importance of ritual and allow members to reflect personally on their organization's ritual while embracing the ritual of other interfraternal organizations.

"Through activities and discussions, members will reflect on why our organization was founded, why fraternities and sororities have rituals, what it means to live by one's ritual, celebrate the interfraternal community and what being a member of an organization with a ritual means to them personally," said Kaitlin

Brannen, Chapter President.

National Ritual Celebration Week will intentionally end on March 7, 2011, which is the National Panhellenic Conference International Badge Day. Additional information about International Badge Day can be found at www.npcwomen.org. National Ritual Celebration Week was created by Phi Mu Fraternity in December 2010. To learn more about National Ritual Celebration Week, visit www. phimu.org/nationalritualweek.

Founded in 1852, Phi Mu is a women's organization which provides personal and academic development, service to others, commitment to excellence and lifelong friendship through a shared tradition. Phi Mu promotes vibrant living, encouraging members to achieve their personal best.

**Submitted by Brooke Brookins** 

#### Science Continued from page 1...

a sophomore or junior wants to join the residential learning community, they can," McGill said.

According to McGill, another major benefit of the new program will be directed toward the physics and engineering program at the university. Currently, those students operate on a "three-plus-two plan," in which they attend Georgia College for three years and finish their final two years at Georgia Tech, completing an engineering degree. In many cases, students take six years

to complete their degree.

"What we are proposing is to stay here three years, go ahead and get your degree in physics with all of the engineering prerequisites as well as some extra engineering classes, and then graduate with a physics degree and then go to Georgia Tech to get a master's degree in engi-

neering," McGill said. "Generally speaking, you'll have a really good chance of getting an assistantship, so the master's degree will be paid for. For the same investment of six years, now instead of just having a degree from Georgia Tech, you have a bachelor's degree from here and a master's from Tech."

McGill added that the program should bring significant advantages both financially and in terms of helping to raise graduation rates.

"I think it's innovative. I think there are a lot of students that it will resonate with and with some some it won't. But we still have the fouryear program that they might be happier with," McGill said. "In the economic times we're in, this will give us the chance to attract students, especially with what's going on with HOPE. This gives us another alternative for some real cost savings for parents and for students for a college education. So it will be a real

benefit in that sense."

Current students at Georgia College have expressed mixed opinions of the new program.

"I think it's doable, but it will be very tough," senior chemistry major Jeff Ivie said.

One main concern is that the students will be around only a select group of people for the majority of their time and could become removed from the overall college experience.

"If these people are near each other inside and outside of class, it may not work," Paperno said. "So in theory, it's a great idea, but in actuality it may not work out so well, and these people may isolate themselves a little bit."

Ivie said he didn't see isolation being much of a prob-

"The science people are usually a very tight-knit group anyway," Ivie said. "So in that aspect, they should be fine."

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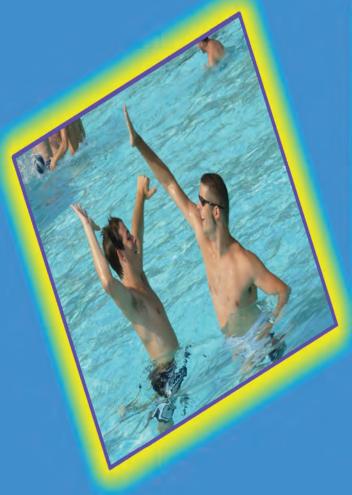
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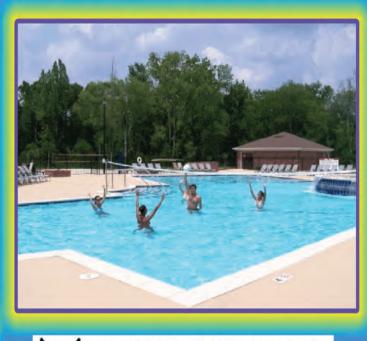
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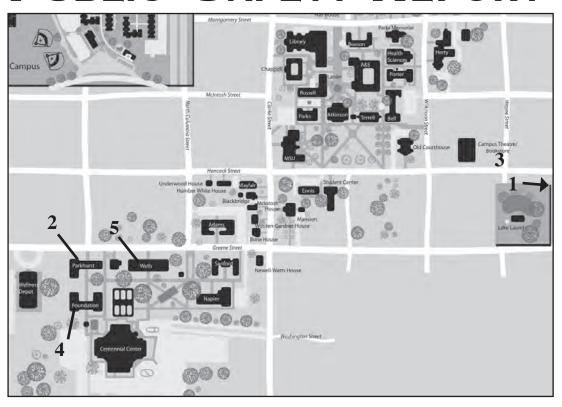
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#### UBLIC SAFETY REPORT



POPPING PILLS

February 26 at 12:47 a.m. Sgt. Reonas observed a male passed out on a bench in front of Chops, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with a male, who was disoriented and incoherent. While the male was rummaging through his pockets, Sgt. Reonas observed him pull out a small piece of cigarette wrapper containing several pills. When asked about the pills, he stated they were for his diabetes. Due to his extreme level of intoxication and diabetes, EMS responded and transported him to Oconee Regional Medical Center for further treatment. The pills were determined to be two Hydrocodone and five Adderall pills, which were confiscated and placed into evidence for disposal.

#### **PROBATION VIOLATION**

February 27 at 9:34 p.m. Officer Ransom was dispatched to Parkhurst Hall in reference to possibly drug activity, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with a female and her boyfriend. A check through GCIC found that the male was on probation for burglary. He had a glass smoking device and several buds of marijuana in his possession. He admitted to smoking marijuana on campus. The female stated that she had not smoked any marijuana and was unaware of his probation status. The marijuana and smoking device were confiscated and the male was banned from all Georgia College property indefinitely.

#### No more exits

February 25, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. The residence director of Foundation Hall reported that the exit sign on the fourth floor of Foundation Hall was missing, according to Public Safety. There were two wires hanging from the ceiling. Physical Plant was called out to fix the sign.

#### RESISTING BIG BROTHER

February 25 at 10:42 p.m. The residence director of Wells Hall reported that the front door camera to Wells Hall had been damaged, according to Public Safety. The arm holding the camera had been partially torn from the wall. The case has been turned over to Investigations.

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Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

#### **DUI** IN THE DARK

February 27 at 1:23 a.m. Officer Ransom observed a vehicle on Wayne and Hancock streets with no headlights illuminated, according to Public Safety. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver. It was determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. When tested on the breathalyzer, she registered .109. She was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI and headlight requirements. The vehicle was secured and left at the scene of the stop.

#### By The Numbers

Citations for **Improper Parking** 

> Vehicles were damaged

## **Beyond the Columns**

When, Where	Action	What it means				
March 2 San Francisco, Ca.	Steve Jobs reveals the iPad 2.	The iPad 2 is 0.2 pounds lighter than its predecessor, has front and rear-facing cameras for video chatting, and has the ability to print from any Air Print-enabled printer. The new iPad also sports a new smart cover, a thin sheet that attaches to the iPad with magnets and can fold back into a stand. It also comes in white and is the same price as the original iPad. It will ship on March 11 in the United States.				
March 2 Kosovo, Germany	Shooting incident on a U.S. military bus at Germany's Frankfurt Airport.	Two American troops were killed and two others were wounded. The suspect is named Arid Uka and has passports from Germany and Yugoslavia. His motivations are unknown currently.				
March 1 Christsteurch, New Zealand	Time capsules found after earthquake.	A rescue worker found a copper time capsule and glass bottle within the grounds of the Christchurch Cathedral. Last week's 6.3 earthquake unearthed the capsule from under the statue of John Robert Godley, the Irish founder of the city in 1850. There are three possiblities on when the capulses could have been placed: when the statue was erected in 1867, when it was relocated in 1918, or when it was returned to its original location in 1933. Inside the bottle was a handwritten note in English; the copper capsule's contents are undisclosed. Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker suggests it could contain documents that detailed the vision the settlers had for the city.				

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Friday, March 4

All day 4th Annual Student Research Conference Submission Deadline

3:30 p.m. Reading by Visiting Writer, Marie Wade

(Arts & Sciences Auditorium) First Friday Foreign Film: "Samson and Delilah" 7 p.m.

(A&S Auditorium)

#### Monday, March 7

10 a.m. Resume Review Day (232 Lanier Hall) Darkness to Light: a movement against sexual abuse 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

(Arts & Sciences Auditorium)

Guess the Str8 Person by the Pride Alliance 6 p.m.

(Arts & Sciences 270)

7:30 p.m. Faculty-Guest Artist Recital: Wendy Mullen, soprano;

Jennifer McGuire, piano (Max Noah Recital Hall)

#### Tuesda<u>y, March 8</u>

Peace Corps Information Session (A&S Auditorium) 4 pm Bobcats vs. Dominican University (West Campus) 4 pm

#### Wednesday, March 9

11:30 p.m. Georgia College Career Expo & Nonprofit Careers Panel

(Student Activities Building)

12:30 p.m. Times Talk (Beeson Hall Lower Level) 12:30 p.m. Student Government Association Senate

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Wayne Hampton of Walt Disney World Resorts presents

"A Successful Job Search: It's all About Networking"

(Atkinson 202)

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. 12 Step Support Group meetings (Arts & Sciences 215)

#### Thursday, March 10

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# America's entitlement



Ben Elliott

When I think of the role Americans play in this country, I come back to a famous quote from the former president John F. Kennedy said during his inaugural address in 1961.

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for youask what you can do for your country."

I feel this notion is lacking in certain contemporary political beliefs. This country needs direction and it's critical for this generation to rise to the occasion and use our potential. However, many Americans today heavily rely on the government all the while maintaining a critical view of how the government operates. This false sense of entitlement is a dangerous approach to political beliefs and the future of our country. Instead of thankfulness for America's enduring promise of an abundance of

freedom, opportunity and potential, Americans become bogged down with what MORE the government can be doing for us. Simply stated, sometimes Americans confuse what we are truly entitled to with the rights bestowed from the Constitution. We take full advantage of the system and core American values, but we expect to reap the benefits from the government.

As college students, we have the freedom to make our own choices for our lives and to make our own decisions. We are quite blessed in the way we live retaining many modern conveniences and luxuries. However, some feel the government's role in our lives extends from constitutional rights into how we run our private lives. Certain idealistic views are naive toward how America actually works. The Constitution does not guarantee handouts. We cannot afford to look to the government to dominate our lives or to take care of all our needs. We have much to be thankful for and our country provides us with an abundance of freedoms. However, many times the youth of America feel this country owes us something. Like Kennedy said in his

speech, we should consider what we could do FOR this great country rather than what we can take from it or what we feel America owes us.

This begs the question—as Americans what are we truly owed as U.S. citizens? America is not a country of handouts or free money; it is also not a country that should restrain success. It's not the government's job to take care of us. It's the government's job to provide the nation with protection and its citizens with infrastructure. Americans are given freedoms and opportunities to reach success without regulation or permission from the government.

This generation must look beyond how we can benefit from the government and look to how we can use our innovation, potential and talents for the greater good of our nation. We are the future of this country and we must act accordingly. We have inherited legitimate issues and this generation must be mindful of this. America needs a future generation of leaders willing to do what's necessary to get our country back on

**Phone** 

failure

This past week technology

began to fail me. My phone,

among other things, stopped

that it would still make calls

wouldn't work. That made

and text, but the touch-screen

making each and every call a

tethered to the wall to keep a

charge. Needless to say, this

It negated any benefit of the

To put the mobile back

decided to switch my phone

phone. It wasn't as stylish,

or intuitive, but at least it

held a charge so texts and calls could be made easily.

I switched over the number and it worked. Except that the phone would only text. even tried to switch over to another

old phone, which resulted in

the same problem. Frustrated,

I tried to switch everything

back to the original broken

phone, but now the number

This whole experience

made it obvious that I, and

have become dangerously

probably the general public,

dependent on cell phones and

technology in general. I felt

disconnected from the world

without the ability to call

someone whenever I want.

couldn't imagine that there

even own a cell phone, even

though I didn't even get one

until I started driving at 16.

Is our dependence on

technology good or bad? In

municate with each other and

a way, it allows us to com-

stay connected in ways we

could not have before. But,

ogy, we lose other means of

communicating. Our social

lives now can extend beyond

where they use to. So finally, I would say that technology,

as any addiction, becomes

bad when it interferes with

other parts of our life.

when we rely on technol-

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wouldn't even reprogram.

into my mobile phone, I

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the screen would never go

to sleep, forcing me to be

working in the way it was

designed. What I mean is

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It's really sad how obvious your mommy did everything for you growing up that you have no idea how to clean up after yourself or be responsible for anything

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SGA is just a popularity contest with the same people running our college year after year. When are the real students at GCSU (oh wait! I'm sorry GC) going to have their voices

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"If you could change one thing about Georgia College, what would it be and why?"



"I would change the nursing program and make it less competitive so they could accept more nurses since they're in demand

Sydney Wright, sophomore pre-nursing

"Maybe Friday classes, because they're inconvenient and they take up too much time.

Stephanie Shane, sophomore criminal justice major





"When you're registering for classes with a specific teacher and they give you a different teacher."

Jeremy Kien, sophomore business management major

"I wish I could just eliminate the smoking designated areas because people don't respect them anyway. If the campus could be completely smoke-free that would be great.'

Akwai Agoons, sophomore accounting major



"The football team if possible. It would give us something to do on the weekends, something to cheer for.'

Taylor Penn, sophomore biology major

# Our **Voice**

Stand up for what you believe in

In Yemen, Oman, Egypt and Libya protesters who are not much older than students at Georgia College are protesting their governments. They want a better quality of life for themselves and their children. We can sit here and say that we support them all we want, but can we really relate to them?

They are revolutionaries, but here in America—where we lead pretty decent lives—we don't need to overthrow our government. Can we still be revolutionaries and do we need to be? The Colonnade thinks we can if we needed to.

Throughout history the important and long lasting revolutions have been fought by the common people and for the common people. Paul Revere was an ordinary guy before he made his speech against the British crown. Legend has it that George Washington was only made commander of the patriot army because he showed up to a meeting wearing a military uniform. Great people start out small stand up for what we believe is right.

and work their way up. In the French Revolution the middle class rose up. They demanded to have food and to stop paying for the excesses of the king and queen.

We are all ordinary people, but that does not mean that we can't do extraordinary things. We can all be revolutionaries in small ways. By standing up for ourselves and our happiness we are being radicals. By not doing what others think is right for us, we are being radicals. Going against the status quo is hard, but so important. We can't live our life for someone else. The world might be a better place if people were happier. You can only be happy when you live for you.

Standing up for others is even more important. Picking a cause that you can advocate for makes you a revolutionary because so many people don't do anything.

If you think Tibet should be free then tell everyone. Want everyone to go green? Then start talking. Words are powerful and all good revolutionaries know how to use them.

The Colonnade does not condone violence so keep those protests civil. We do fundamentally believe everyone has a voice and a story to tell, that's part of the reason we work for a

Find your voice and go against what other people might believe if it goes against your conscience. Listen to that voice inside you that tells you what is right and what is wrong because so many tune it out. We are the generation that needs to help change the world for the better so let us go be revolutionary and

### Women love dogs, not babies

Women love fuzzy animals. It's an undeniable fact. Dozens of fraternity guys exploit this universal truth for personal gain. Every time I walk across the main campus, I see at least one muscular man with his tiny dog on a leash surrounded by drooling women. My gut reaction is to call PETA in case the gaunt girls attempt to eat the dog, but my second response is to try this woman-catching technique.

The first step to successfully luring college girls is to acquire an equally alluring pet. After visiting several homes, I noticed all the dogs were perfect, but all the burglar alarms were also very effective. After settling for a shelter dog, I was moments away from adopting two manly pit bulls, when the lady at the counter did not appreciate the humor in naming them Little Michael and Vicky

Without hope of adopting another animal in the state of Georgia, the wheels in my mind began turning. There is only one thing girls find cuter than puppies—babies. If a dog on a leash could lure five



STEVE HOLBERT

girls, then a baby on a leash could lure at least 20.

After scouting Wal-Mart buggies for hours and sitting outside the McDonald's playground—before Baldwin Police asked me to leave-I realized the two fastest ways to acquire a child is to either make one or borrow a friend's. Since I am not married, I chose the latter, and my teenage friend was more than willing to let me babysit her child while she went to Daytona for Spring Break.

Little Stephan was perfect. Not only was he adorable, but the shock collar I purchased also kept him well behaved and silent. Stephan quickly learned the basics fetching toys, standing on his hind legs, and climbing poles to press the cross walk button. After several flea baths and purchasing a small railroad conductor outfit, he

was ready for business, and I was ready to be loved. The first few hours were

disappointing. Hoards of women did not flock and question about the origin of my child or offer to pet him. Perhaps it was the thought of a single, teenage father or perhaps they were upset when I refused to bag his scat after he got too excited during our flying disc game. Whatever the reason, females seemed to be repulsed by the thought of rearing someone else's child. Who knew?

After 12 hours of failure, I decided it was best to return Stephan to his mother. So I put him in his tiny cage, and we headed home. He enjoyed the car ride immensely because the roof of my car does have the best view, and when I took him down, he couldn't stop crying. I knew he was going to miss me, but I had no idea our bond was so strong. His mother commended me or my efforts introduced me to her new boyfriend she met on the beach and his teacup Chihuahua. He looked so desperate.

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- Stephanie Hladilek's name was also misspelled.

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# Alphabet soup on the runway

D&G, the younger brand of Dolce & Gabbana, hits Milan Fashion Week

Danielle Paluga REVIEWER

D&G is the younger sister of the better-known Dolce & Gabbana brand. It is also cheaper and for the frugal fashionista, and it's more fun to look at. I might be able to buy the pieces by

saving up \$500 instead of \$5000. However, I want to stress that even if you don't want to buy the designer clothes you can still get inspiration from the fashion shows that are happening throughout February--which is when fall/winter fashion week takes place.

D&G has usually played off of its older sibling when it comes to overall themes and this year they again shared a similar theme of menswear. Of course since D&G is the younger brand the menswear elements were more tomboy and punk influences instead of the lacy, grown up suits and ties we see from Dolce & Gabbana.

I'm undecided on this collection, but there has not been a show this season so far that I just died over.

Then again Paris Fashion Week has yet to come. Some of the fashions were just down right tacky. Instead of



using a print as a pattern the designers used letters. It is definitely unique, but instead of conveying the message of sexy attire, the letters—combined with bright pastels-conjure up images of kindergarten.

If you're like me and don't like screen-printed tees with sayings on them you can still appreciated this collection. I loved the mixture of girly and boyish clothing as well as the fact that Converse sneakers can be considered high fashion since the designers used them as footwear. Converse are my go to winter shoes. Don't be afraid to wear them with dresses or skirts ei-

Another fashion tip to take away from the D&G show is the fact that black isn't the only color you can rock

This collection as well as many others from Milan Fashion Week proved that bright colors aren't just for spring. Pull out your teals and pinks and hopefully we'll see more brightly colored sweaters hit the racks in stores in time

Layering is one of my favorite things to do in the winter and it just makes sense. In the show, there were shorter cotton skirts layered over sheer tulle skirts and sweater dresses over leggings.

The final piece of advice to take away from this collection is don't afraid to be crazy.

The last few looks were all different combinations of crazy lettered tees and feathery skirts with tons of volume. If you take a fashion risk you'll look pretty brave.

## 'Killzone 3' launches players into action

The game jumps around to differ-

MARK WATKINS Reviewer

"Killzone 3", the latest installment in the Killzone series, earns its place in the area of top quality first-person shooter games. The latest segment of the series excels with impressive battlefields, gripping combat and engaging player experience. Despite these impressive qualities, the story and

character development do suffer. For those who have never played a Playstation exclusive Killzone game and aren't familiar with the story, it follows the war between two factions of humans. On one side you have the ISA, the normal-looking humans, who are the good guys.

Then you have the red goggled Helghast who have made it their primary objective to take over the universe. In "Killzone 3," you follow Sev, who is a part of a group of ISA stranded on the Helghast planet fighting tooth and nail to survive. This could have made for an awesome story line if Sony had developed it further.

ent time zones without giving anything in between. This opens up some opportunities for a wide array of level types, but leaves the story feeling disconnected. It seems that the story was built around the levels instead of the levels being built around the story. Although it would have been great

to see Sony weave an intricate story, the levels that they do bring as a result of the lackluster story are absolutely phenomenal. Killzone takes the player through

some really in-depth levels that, despite being filled with a raging war, are quite believable. The broken buildings parallel to scenes of war that are seen in modern day warfare. These levels can seem repetitive,

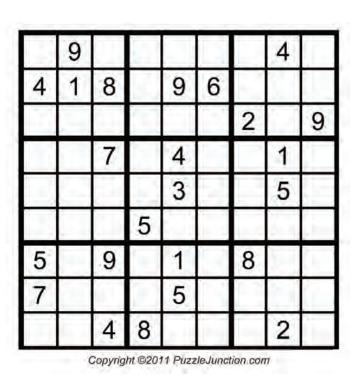
but are broken up nicely by varying level types, such as snow, jungle, and vehicle segments. They also do an excellent job of supplementing the feeling of being in the action--creating a chaotic atmosphere equivalent of actual battlefield action. Killzone does a good job creating a gamer experi-



ence with substance. When the player runs, the camera moves appropriately. When the player reloads their gun the screen moves to look at the gun, as would any real soldier.

These additions make the player feel like what they do has real consequence. The sacrifice of this is that the controls don't feel as snappy as other shooters might. Overall, this trade off is worth it.

# Sudoku



## **Astrological Forecast**

Danielle Paluga STAFF PSYCHIC

Aguarius (January 21- February 18)- If you're a lady, remember this week that there's a fine line between showing a guy you're interested and harassing him.





Pisces (February 19- March 20)- You'll have a good week this week because some of my favorite people are Pisces.

Taurus (April 20- May 20)- If you're

feeling bored with your life this week it

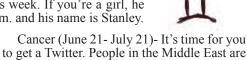
Aries (March 20- April 19)- Take risks this week. Safe risks, like a new pair of shoes, not stupid I-might-get-arrested-forthis-risks.



might be time to take on a new challenge. Gemini (May 21- June 20)- Your life has hit a rough patch, but the planets are aligned to meet the mate of your dreams this week. If you're a girl, he

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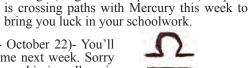
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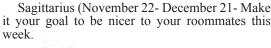
Leo (July 22- August 22)-I'll give you a bit of advice. When I'm feeling sad I go to the pet store and play with the ferrets. Virgo (August 23- September 22)- Jupiter

using this important tool to start revolutions,

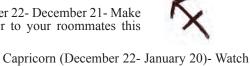
Libra (September 23- October 22)- You'll have a great day sometime next week. Sorry that's all I got. Being a psychic in college is exhausting



Scorpio (October 23- November 21)- Take a break this week from your phone. Unless I text you, then you need to respond immediately. Hint. Hint.



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## **Past Solutions**

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# Using art to raise awareness

COLLAB. for AWARENESS exhibit brings light to the issues of Rwandan genocide

Lauren Davidson SENIOR REPORTER

For more than a century the world has been haunted with harsh reoccurring events of genocide. After viewing memorials of these horrible atrocities that occurred in Rwanda in 1994, art professor Lauren Sleat has taken it upon herself to raise awareness through artwork. The awarewness is not only for the genocide that took place in Rwanda, but also for genocide and crimes against humanity all

over the world.

Artwork, tangible items- a wooden coffin hardest things I've ever and children's dresses, photographs of children in Rwanda, and poetry by Sleat and poet Van G. Garrett filled the room of the Wooten Garner House at Sleat's COLLAB. for AWARENESS exhibit, which ran from Feb. 21 through Feb. 25.

During her time teaching in Rwanda at the Green Hills Acad-

emy, Sleat visited the Ntarama Genocide Memorial where thousands of women, men and children were killed in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She expressed that people warned her not to visit the memorials because they were depressing, but she decided to go anyways so that she could better understand the genocide that took place there.

"It took me about a month to get out and get up the courage to go—it was hard," Sleat said. "Somebody asked me last night if when I walked in that church if I just started to cry, and I said 'it's such an overwhelming kind of solemn sense, you don't even feel that you want to burst into tears, you can't believe it, you can't believe what your seeing.' I can't explain it.'

Garrett and Sleat have collaborated together now for six years contributing to each others work, Sleat creating images to Garretts poems and Garrett writing to her images. Talks of the exhibit started in September when Sleat asked Garrett to contribute poetry to incorporate with each piece of her artwork. He said that this was one of the most challenging exhibits he has ever worked on.

"It's not one of those friendly types of exhibits (like) when you walk in you see a lot of bright colors and it's real playful...," Garrett said. "It's live and direct. This is what it is: the death of human beings.'

During the process of planning the exhibit, Sleat decided to incorporate artwork from other artists for a larger collaboration. Having a certain style of art in mind for her exhibit, she handpicked artwork from 15 artists all over the country. Among the artists chosen are three Georgia College students from her Fine and Applied Arts and Civilization class from last semester.

Junior pre-nursing major Tyler Rawlings, was among the 15 artists asked to contribute. His linoleum print depicts people holding machetes up to a family. He said that through this piece of art he wanted to depict the impact genocide had on

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Art professor Lauren Sleat's exhibit COLLAB. for AWARENESS combined her artwork and poetry with the artwork and poetry of Van G. Garrett. This installment features a wooden coffin surrounded by pictures of people from the community affected by the Rwandan genocide in 1994. The poetry included in the exhibit created a more literal understanding of what happened during the genocide.





Left: Van G. Garrett and Lauren Sleat give their artists talks on Mon. Feb. 21 to the students in attendance. Garrett and Sleat combined their artwork as well as their poetry to describe their experience in Rwanda. Right: An example of Lauren Sleat's paintings which were combined with a poem by Van G. Garrett. The exhibit was motivated by Sleat's time spent in Rwanda.

## Dee Fuller finds fulfillment tutoring at The Learning Center

Brooks McAllister STAFF WRITER

Volunteerism is an important aspect of community involvement. In Milledgeville, volunteering keeps numerous institutions afloat. The Georgia College Learning Center is no different. Volunteer Dee Fuller has been an integral part of the Learning Center for the last

Fuller graduated from Baldwin County High School then went on to graduate from the University of Georgia. He is from Milledgeville, where he and his wife currently reside. With this being his tenth year in the Learning Center, Fuller's dedication to the students is obvious. Prior to volunteering at Georgia College, Fuller worked at Gainesville State College in Gainesville, Ga.

After retirement, Fuller worked in the Learning Center at Gainesville State College for a year. He and his wife loved Milledgeville. Once they decided to move back, he knew he was going to want something to keep him occupied and keep his mind young. So Fuller came to the Georgia College Learning Center and has been a devoted volunteer ever since.

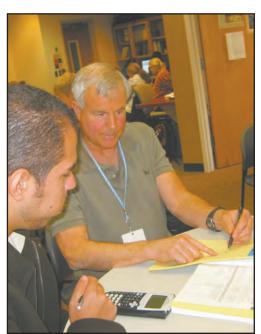
"My wife and I love this place. And I knew that if Georgia College had a Learning Center that it was a place I would love to help out in,' Fuller said.

Fuller is skilled in both the areas of math and science. He personally sees around 20 students a day, both groups and individuals alike. He is available Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., but he often comes earlier and

stays later to cater to the needs of the students. "My favorite part about volunteering in the Learning Center is working with the students and helping them learn. The students are what

it is all about to me," Fuller said. The students love Fuller and find him so compassionate and helpful. He truly gives them his undivided attention and makes them

feel like their questions are worthwhile. "Dee gives you that one on one attention that your professor really can not give you. He helped me so much in Calc one because I was not really familiar with it. He would walk me



Brooks McAllister / Staff Photographer Dee Fuller tutors senior political science major Jose Munera in the Learning Center. Fuller has been volunteering at the Georgia College Learning Center for 10 years. Fuller, a native of Milledgeville, works in the Learning Center about 20 hours a week.

through each problem step-by-step," said Mary Lynn Buchanan, a junior math major with a pre-engineering concentration. "I felt totally comfortable asking him questions that might have been perceived as dumb. He really helped me build a foundation for my higher level math classes. Because of all his help, they have actually been easier than that first one was."

Being skilled in both math and science keeps Fuller busy throughout the day. Many students visit the Learning Center in search of

"I am a junior math major and I definitely would not have gotten through Calc one, two,or three if it was not for Dee. I feel like he is so helpful that his assistance should not go unrewarded monetarily. The school should pay him just because he is so great at what he does," Graylon Haynie said.

# For the love of laughter

Georgia College comedians pursue, perform stand-up comedy in local, statewide shows

MARK WATKINS STAFF WRITER

Georgia College is home to a few comedians who travel to do stand-up shows simply because it is what they love

Andrew Markle, a senior outdoor education major and one of the comedians currently attending Georgia College, takes an active role in comedy.

"I've been hosting a comedy night once every other month at Buffington's," said Markle. These shows are frequented by other comedians at Georgia College.

"We just started them last year towards the end," said Andrew George, a junior telecommunications major. "Now, [Markle and I] go back and forth putting them on,"

These aren't the only comedy shows that are in Milledgeville. CAB puts on a comedy show in the Magnolia Ballroom once a semester.

'Buffington's is my favorite place to do stand up in Milledgeville" said George, who participates in these events.

The comedians on Georgia College's campus don't always stay so close to home though. They travel to Atlanta to do shows at clubs like the Laughing Skull, at the Vor-

"You do open mic stuff,



FILE PHOTO BY ANNA MORRIS ON SEPT. 15 Senior outdoor education major Andrew George performs stand-

which isn't paid at all. Then you can do guest spots, which some are paid, most are not,"

up comedy at a CAB event last semester.

said Markle. It's common for a comedi-

an to not expect payment for most of the shows that they do. These types of shows are often secured through connections and relationships comedians have with other

comedians. "Basically, comedians help other comedians," said George. "If they have a show and they need openers, they'll call their friends that they think are funny or that they've worked with before. That's how I got all my Atlanta shows, just by other comedians I've worked with

before calling me and asking me to open up for them."

Collaborations like these are common among those that have worked together

and even those that haven't. "It's honestly all about

who you know," said Markle. This applies for nearly all comics, whether they're trying to get their first stand up gig, or if they're on the road or headlining. A familiar face is much more welcome than a new one. That's not to say that success is granted.

"I'd say that the Atlanta comedy people are a pretty close knit group. You have to

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# Spotlight: Bell Hall's colorful past



HILARY THOMPSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Bell Hall's parking lot leaves no evidence of its former neighbor, the Baldwin County jail.

Most Georgia College students are familiar with Bell Hall as the "old dormitory" and the building that houses the Honors Residential Learning Community. Many students are unaware of the old building's interesting past.

Bell Hall was constructed in 1928, during President Beeson's administration, and named for Miller S. Bell, mayor of Milledgeville from 1908 to 1924. Bell was also a member of Georgia College's board of directors, and a member of the Board of Regents.

Bell Hall resides on what used to be known as "Penitentiary Square", and during Georgia College's days as the Georgia State College for Women, Bell Hall was adjoined on its eastern side by the Baldwin County Jail.

The young women residing in the dormitory were often awakened at night by the cries of the inmates of the jail, and sometimes even distracted during classes by the same

GSCW eventually purchased the jail, which was demolished in the 1930s and replaced by a parking lot. A new jail materialized soon after on West Montgomery Street, not much farther away, but at least it was no longer directly adjoining campus.

By Hilary Thompson

# Movie Review: 'Hall Pass'

RYAN DEL CAMPO REVIEWER

For a movie based entirely around sex, "Hall Pass" retains a certain—but not excessive—amount of grace and humility among similar movies. Owen Wilson and Jason Sudeikis make a perfect comedy match, with Wilson balancing out Sudeikis's raunchy humor with his more restrained and mature style. Though many critics have been quite harsh on "Hall Pass," it does certainly have several redeeming values.

Rotten Tomatoes, one of my more respected sources for movie criticism, awarded the fresh comedy with only a 37 percent on its Tomatometer. According to the website, "some filmgoers may be surprised by the Farrellys' defense of traditional domestic values in Hall Pass. Unfortunately, they'll probably also be dismayed by the absence of laughs."

I disagree. I don't remember laughing at a single movie in 2010 or yet in 2011 as hard as I did during "Hall Pass." Granted, it was not "The Hangover," but it was a valiant attempt by the movie's production crew to present a twisted and clever story that ended up being only slightly to the left of those traditional values. Heck, audiences may even find it funnier than the highly-anticipated "Hangover Part II."

The directors' past movies have been exemplary failures in the comedy world, including flops like "Shallow Hal," "Stuck on You," "Me, Myself & Irene" and the half-decent "There's Something About Mary." Even those who didn't care for "Hall Pass" can easily argue that it has a much funnier and better-constructed plot than past films. In fact, "Hall Pass" is undoubtedly a much stronger movie than any of the other comedies released so far in 2011 like "No Strings Attached" and "Just Go With It."

Many married couples may even be able to find a lesson or two in "Hall Pass." The idea comes from two best friends (Wilson and Sudeikis) whose wives (Jenna Fischer and Christina Applegate) have grown tired of their husbands' playboy attitudes towards other women. So the wives give each of their husbands a week-long hall pass, which is a supposedly guilt-free week from marriage in which the husbands are allowed to chase floozy women as they please.

Though initially excited, the men soon find

out that each of their domesticated lifestyles has made it much tougher to pick up women than back in the glory days. When I saw it, the entire audience was laughing at the men's desperate struggles to adapt back to single life.



### Grade: B

Even the elderly couple behind me chuckled. There were even a few instances in the movie when I was laughing uncontrollably.

Given all of my praise for "Hall Pass," I do recognize that it has some important downfalls. For example, moviegoers are certainly not flocking to the theater to see "Hall Pass" – it barely took the top spot in this weekend's Box Office earnings over "Gnomeo and Juliet," the animated comedy that was released two weeks prior to "Hall Pass." This trend can most likely be attributed to the lewd humor that is associated with "Hall Pass." The movie lends itself towards more male chauvinistic humor and is certainly not a family-oriented movie.

But considering that "Hall Pass" was created knowing that many audiences would not appreciate the multitude of jokes about sex and genitalia, it seems to be intended mainly for the college-aged generation. For us, it may not be a good first date movie and it may challenge the strength of time-tested relationships, but would be a great boys' or girls' night out. If your midterms are getting you down or you just need a breather, go see "Hall Pass" with some friends to tide you over until 2011 finally delivers us some comedy gold. At the very least, you can walk away from the theater laughing and stuffed with popcorn.



# Lecture inspires student business



Drake Simons / Staff Photographer Robert Frommer, a speaker from The Institute for Justice gave a lecture to Georgia College students and professors about economic liberty. "The general idea of economic liberty is the right of Americans to earn an honest living free from unreasonable, undue, or arbitrary government restrictions," Frommer said.

# Robert Frommer, staff attorney with The Institute for Justice, speaks on economic liberty on Feb. 24

DRAKE SIMONS STAFF WRITER

The dream of starting a business in America is often a dauntless task and some feel that it is becoming more difficult. There is a group which examines constitutional law and its effect on average Americans. The Institute for Justice has made its mission to help protect "economic liberty, school choice, private property rights, freedom of speech, and other vital individual liberties."

The organization is a public interest law firm with about 80 people on staff in six locations throughout the country. Of those workers nearly 20 people are touring the country giving lectures to students and communities. One of those touring speakers is Robert Frommer.

Frommer, a staff attorney with The Institute for Justice gave multiple lectures for students and faculty at Georgia College on Feb. 24. Frommer's trip was made possible through the Koch Charitable Fund, which sponsors speakers to give lectures across the country.

Included in the lecture was information on a new project on street vendors in America and how their battles fit into the institutes' work to protect economic liberty.

"The general idea of economic liberty is the right of Americans to earn an honest living free from unreasonable, undue, or arbitrary government restrictions," Frommer said. "It's perfectly fair to regulate businesses to make sure that they aren't using force against people; a real problem that we can identify. Unfortunately the regulations that we see throughout the United States go far beyond those legitimate regulations and really start becoming obstacles to peoples right earn an honest living."

Frommer cited U.S. census statistics, which lists 760,000 street vendors nationally. These vendors combine to nearly \$40 billion in the national market. These vendors are subject to local laws, which stipulate what, where, when and how vendors sell their products.

Sophomore political science and pre-law major Chris Williams came up with a plan to become a street vendor in Milledgeville. Williams hoped to sell hot dogs and bratwursts to people after restaurants downtown closed. He was told that he needed a transient license to sell food on the street. The license, however, was not a

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## Turning tragedy into talent

Anna Katheryn Callaway uses a car accident as motivation to pursue her passion for music therapy

Danielle Paluga Senior Reporter

When she was in sixth grade, sophomore music therapy major Anna Katheryn Callaway was in a serious car accident that damaged the frontal lobe of her brain.

"It's really gory, but basically they had to take out part of my brain because it was dead. Something went through my head and damaged it," Anna Katheryn said.

She had to go through reconstructive surgery on her skull and forehead in addition to the traumatic injury she sustained to her brain.

"The thing that got me through it was music," Anna Katheryn said.

The doctors told Anna Katheryn, who had been playing the piano since first grade, that she would never be able to play again.

But she proved them wrong. About 10 days after she got out of the hospital she began playing the piano again. It was, as she called it, a miracle.

It truly was a miracle because she recovered in her hometown hospital and did not need to go to any specialized treatment centers. She did however have to be home-schooled while her wounds healed.

This whole experience changed her life, but Anna Katheryn emphasizes it was for the better.

"Sometimes disasters can be blessings in disguise. I would not have not had this happen to me because I would have been a totally different person," Anna Katheryn said

Anna Katheryn said.

Her belief in Jesus helped pull her through the tough time as did the support of her family



Danielle Paluga / Staff Photographer

Anna Katheryn Callaway practices piano as a music therapy major. Anna Katheryn maintains her passion for music after being in a tragic car accident when she was in sixth grade. Callway continued to pursue her piano playing even after her doctor told her she would no longer be able to play after her trauma.

and best friend who would visit her during her recovery time.

Anna Katheryn was with her brothers at the time of the accident and one of them sustained an injury to where his whole forearm was broken. He couldn't play the piano for a while, but he has fully recovered.

Because her whole family loved music it is no surprise she got started at a young age.

"I started playing the piano because my mom's best friend played piano at our church and she also gave lessons. I grew to love it," Anna Katheryn said.

Anna Katheryn firmly believes that she is meant to help people who have been through situations like hers, which explains why she chose music therapy as her major.

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In the program she and her fellow students visit various places around Milledgeville

that a music therapist might

be needed. This includes local

schools and Central State Hos-

Right now Anna Katheryn is working with older men who have mental disabilities. Even if they can't play instruments, the men can still have fun with music. As Anna Katheryn explains, they can still play fun games and interactive instruments like the drums and maragas.

"I've only been working with them this semester, but I know one man who never participated with the students last year has begun to be very active," Anna Katheryn said. "You can see the change in people the longer you work with them."

In the future, Anna Katheryn says she wants to work at a place like the Shepherd's Center in Atlanta, which primarily deals with spinal cord and brain injuries. That is her

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DRAKE SIMONS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Traveling Trio

From left, Natalie Smith on flute, Brian Smith on guitar and Cathy Kilroe-Smith on horn. The trio performed in a guest artist recital titled "Diospyros" on Tues., Feb. 22 in the Max Noah Recital Hall. Smith, Smith and Kilroe-Smith performed to a full crowd comprising of Georgia College students, professors and community members.

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Even though many patients recover using their existing music skills some don't even need to pick up an instrument themselves.

"The therapists might play a song on the guitar to give them a beat to walk to. It distracts from the pain when they are recovering," Anna Katheryn said.

A high profile example of music therapy in action is the case of congresswoman Gabby Gifford who was recently shot in Arizona. She is currently recovering from her brain injury using various types of therapies. Dr. Sanjay Gupta, a medical correspondent for CNN, went through

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#### Anna Katheryn Callaway, Music Therapy Major

a therapy program much like hers to see how it worked.

"While it may have looked like simple and fun singing, Megan (the music therapist) was constantly using strategies to externally cue me. I realized through music, she was working on developing my attention, memory and overall executive function," said Gupta in his article.

Music therapy is all about helping others through a love

for music as chair of Department of Music Therapy Chesley Mercado explains.

"Some people want more from music than performing,.Some people have seen how their music has influenced their lives socially, emotionally, and physically. Some people have had a family member touched by the influence of music on behavior." Mercado said.

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onetime fee. Williams was told that he would need to spend the required one-hundred dollar fee every night during which he sold food downtown.

'We haven't gotten past calling the local government and seeing what the rate would be and then giving up after being told that rate,' Williams said. "If there were a smaller license I might understand because you can't really do anything for free these days. One-hundred dollars would definitely make it more difficult for such a small operation."

Frommer explains that interest groups form to petition the local government to add layers of procedures to limit the number of incoming business competitors.

"As you see, economic regulations are all encompassing. And because they are so easy to pass, so easy to get into effect, they're used by interest groups all the time to stifle competition and protect themselves at the expense of competitors and the public," Frommer said. "Cities that have a lot of regulation make it hard for vendors to start up. They have less spending. That's basic economics. If you raise the cost of entering a business, you have less people enter the business."

Ken Farr, chair of the Economics and Finance department, listened to the lecture and then looked at the issue of street vendors from the perspective of a "brick and mortar" com-

"I can't say I would welcome them but I would certainly not seek out government help to prevent them from being able to compete with me," Farr said.

Without government regulation, many economists believe that an economy regulates itself through competition.

"The market will take over. If people don't like it they're not going to be able to stay in business. They won't be down there," sophomore environmental science major Sam Ovett said.

Ovett saw Frommer present in his Economics and Society class and decided to come watch another lecture.

Having not presented at a school in nearly a year, Frommer travelled to discuss and raise awareness for restrictive government regulations, which he and his colleagues defend

"As a litigator, I'm the sharp end of the spear. I'm the one who goes after the government when they violate people's rights," Frommer said.



LAUREN DAVIDSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lauren Sleat's exhibit features photographs as well as more tangible elements. Included in the exhibit is a photograph of a church in which many of the people of the village died in one night. The photograph shows the church with the victims hanging from the walls and beams. This installment also features hanging dresses to emphasize a personal aspect to the understanding of the Rwandan genocide in 1994.

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the people of Rwanda. "It was very difficult for me," Rawlings said. "It's one thing to look at the artwork,;it's another to create it. In the past I have really steered away from subjects like this because I didn't really have any desire for it. I knew it was happening, that was enough for me. But going through Lauren Sleat's class, I really was able to embrace that and just kind of overcame it."

In April, the exhibit will travel to the University of Southern California. Sleat



LAUREN DAVIDSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Students attend the exhibiton opening at artist talk Mon. Feb. 21.

again in Georgia at various

colleges. "The only thing I can say is that it was a labor of love," Sleat said. "It was one of the hardest things I've ever done. Other than the support and the

help of Van, it was a really dif-

hopes to showcase the exhibit ficult exhibit to put together, Just to try to figure out how to do everything, I learned a lot from the experience. As hard as it was-and there were days that I was like 'I'm not doing this-' I think it's really important information for people to have."

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prove yourself though. That's the thing. It's a total trial by fire," said Markle.

A beginning in comedy doesn't always have to start so starkly.

"I started in eighth grade for a talent show,"

said George. "A bunch of people told me to do

it, so I did it."

There are also smaller, quieter clubs that are predominately visited by comedians. These clubs are places to try out new bits and serve as proving grounds for comics. A frequent stop for the comics at Georgia College to test the waters before they take the leap to stand up is the improv club, The Armed Farces. The club meets on Thursdays at Blackbird Coffee downtown.

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#### Freshman and Seniors

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# Fashion, trends on campus

# Best dressed males on campus



THE IVY-LEAGUER: Johan Wadstein Major: General Business, sophomore

Tell me about your look...why do you dress the way you do?

"I have always been interested in clothes. I like to follow fashion, but I always try to personalize it. I like to dress up in nice shirts and bright colors...you know, to stick out a bit. I like to be noticed, but you can tell a lot about a person by the way they dress."

What do you like about your look? (That I) always try to express myself in different situations. For example, if it's sunny, I will probably dress preppy and bright, to show happiness. If it feels good, then I feel good"



THE PREPSTER: Tyler Franks Major: Exercise Science, sophomore

Tell me about your look...why do you dress the way you do?

'My dad wrote a book called 'Prepare for Success' and one of the chapters talks about the importance of dressing for success. It is kind of instilled in me now. I dress professionally to show teachers that I want to be successful in their class and that I desire to do well. I think it shows a respect for them and for myself.

What do you like about your look? "That I feel professional. I like to maintain a sense of classiness."

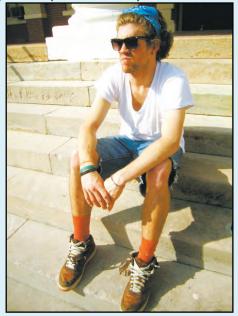


THE ACADEMICIAN: Chase Hurliman Major: Rhetoric, senior

Tell me about your look...why do you dress the way you do?

"I like looking classy and through style, you are able to show who you are and be proud of that. What people wear shows a lot about who they are. I like to look distinguished and carry a sense of respect. It helps me take work seriously."

What do you like about your look? "I love suits."



Information complied and pictures taken by: Savannah Clark

THE HIPSTER: Jack Webber Major: Rhetoric, senior

Tell me about your look...why do you dress the way you do?

"I can dress myself. I like being me, having my own style in a sense, but I am not going to lie and say that I am completely unique. The people I hang out with influence me, but I dress the way I do as a way to express myself. I like to stay casual and comfortable. It depends on the day really, but the theme: comfortable.

What do you like about your look? "It's me. It encompasses me right now. I'm making decisions for myself and at the end of the day, I am expressing myself the way I want to. I am in a season where I want to be rougher, edgier. What I like is that I don't think about it too much. I just kind of do it.'

For more of the best dressed guys see the Close up section on GCSUnade.com

# **Teachers** talk style

Jami Terracino STAFF WRITER

Professors are the people that students depend on for recommendation letter, help on resumes and just general help in the classroom. Not many consider how professors view the way students dress.

John Lindsay, professor of the Department of Psychology, admits that he tries not to let student dress affect how he views them, but there could be a possibility that it does. On the subject of fashion, Lindsay, who has worked at Georgia College for 28 years claims the styles of the 80's were more "frivolous" than the conservative 90's. Nowadays he claims there is a

"I would always wear a tie while taking a test (as a student)," Lindsay said. "It would make me feel more confident.'

Douglas Goings, professor of Information Systems and Business Communication, says that the way his students dress definitely gives off an impression and through the rest of the course that impression can either be enforced or washed away. Goings insists that business students do not dress any differently from other students unless they are required to for a specific class period. Goings admits that he sometimes wishes they would dress better, but he never comments on their appearance.

'A dress code is definitely not required in the business major, we might lose majors that way. But we should possibly try it," Goings said.

Goings concedes that he does not dress well for class either. According to him, when he worked at other colleges he would wear a suit every day. Now he wears a polo and no tie on most days.

In the Department of Art, professor of Art History Tina Yarborough admits that the visual appearance of her students does not affect how she views them unless they are giving a formal report, for which she wants them dress in a more professional

"I prefer my students be dressed in the way which they learn best," she said.

Yarborough also points out that for some of the studio art classes it is required of the students to dress in clothes that they would not mind getting dirty. Yarborough states that she does not care if her students are fashionable or not, she just prefers for them to actually be dressed. She says what she sees students wear is "not different from how we dressed in the 60s.

All three professors have worked at Georgia College for at least a decade— Goings for 10 years, Lindsay, 28 years, and Yarborough, 16 years. All three have stated that aside from trend, the habits of student dress have not really changed. Every year, even with new students and changing times it can be guaranteed that around 8 a.m. and early morning classes students dress more lazily than for classes later in the after-

# Man tells all: How he wishes girls, guys would dress to go out on Thirsty Thursdays or any night of the week

KEVIN HALL COLUMNIST

Depending on where you go on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or whatever night of the week, you will see different array of outfits to say the least. Now it is my job to help every-

I know that everyone has different styles, and I'm not here to tell you that you need to dress like me. What I am going to do is tell you different things not to do when you go out. Obviously ladies are always first.

Ladies, sometimes it's okay to leave things to guys' imaginations and still look good. That's crazy to hear from me, I know. Now I know this will prove to be more difficult for some of you because with the weather getting

warmer you will use this as an excuse to dress like a lady of the evening. Don't succumb to

I feel as if the reason you do dress in scantily clad outfits is because you think that's what the guys want, and you know what? Most of them do want you dressing like that but you don't have to give in. I personally have never worn three inch heels and a dress that looks like I was poured into, but I am almost 100 percent positive that it is not comfortable. Now you feel like I should probably tell you what you should be wearing exactly, but like I told you before, that's not my job. I'm not going to tell you now to dress just a few tips.

Now guys, I have a lot to say to most of you. First, I'm going to talk to the people who just go out like they have no self respect at all. I'm not saying there needs to be a dress code, but don't wear a ratty T-shirt and gym shorts to go downtown. You're not going to workout. Now, onto the other guys I want to talk to.

Those of you who think that it's cool to just wear a pair of khaki shorts that don't quite reach your knees, one of the dozens of polo shirts you own, and a visor-probably from the Masters. That's fine to wear every so often. I get it. That's your style. But you are allowed to change it up every so often. Oh, and color coordinate. There is nothing wrong with matching. Trust me; girls do appreciate you putting a little bit of effort into what you're wearing Well that's all I got for you. Like I said, I'm

not here to tell you what to wear. I'm just here to help you out.

# Jewelry trends featured in downtown store

TAYLOR SEAY STAFF WRITER

Villane's Jewelry & Unique Accessories, located in downtown Milledgeville, is preparing for the new fashion season. Villane's has been selling jewelry and accessories for about seven years.

Villane's tries to appeal to the 18 to 25-age range, and about 60 percent of their customers are college students. Co-owner of the store, Susan Renfroe, said the biggest trend she has seen among college girls this season are feather earrings and messenger bags.

Renfroe has been in the fashion business for approximately five years, and she obtained a degree in Fashion Marketing and Merchandising at Georgia College in

"I started shopping at Villane's before I started working there,' Renfore said.

Renfroe's favorite celebrity fashion icons are Audrey Hepburn and Katy Perry. Her favorite accessories are earrings.

"I just feel naked without my earrings," Renfroe said.

Other co-owner, Villane Waldhauer, originally opened the business seven years ago. Waldhauer has a background in art, but during her studies at Georgia College she switched her major to nursing. She worked as a nurse practitioner for 20 years prior to opening Vil-

Waldhauer went back to her artwork, hand making jewelry and taking art classes. She is currently enrolled in an art class in Savan-

Renfroe and Waldhauer have been friends for many years before going into business together.

We make a great combination," Renfroe said. "We have the perfect marriage.

The two friends work well with each other.

There have been rumors of Villane's going out of business, but the rumors are not true according to the owners. Villane's plans to stay open for many more years to come. The economy has affected the store, but with loyal customers and friends Villane's is still thriv-Avery Newman, a senior com-

munity health major, often shops at Villane's.

"Villane's has such reasonable prices, and it is my go-to store for

Fashion trends blooming for spring 70s inspired - Bell bottom jeans Maxi dresses Cat eye sunglasses Punk Ripped stockings - Leather vests 60s inspired Full skirts - Pastel colors Source: http://www.fashionsing.com

accessories," Newman said.

Newman had also heard the rumors that the store was going out of business, and was relieved to find out this was not true.

# Girls rock legging trend in February



Information complied and picture taken by: Sabrina Chandler

Boho-chic: Melissa Couch, senior liberal studies major

Where do you like to shop at home or in Milledgeville? "I love Urban Outfitters, Forever 21 and thrift stores. I am really into thrift stores. That is actually where I got my bag."

Do you have a fashion icon or someone you model your wardrobe

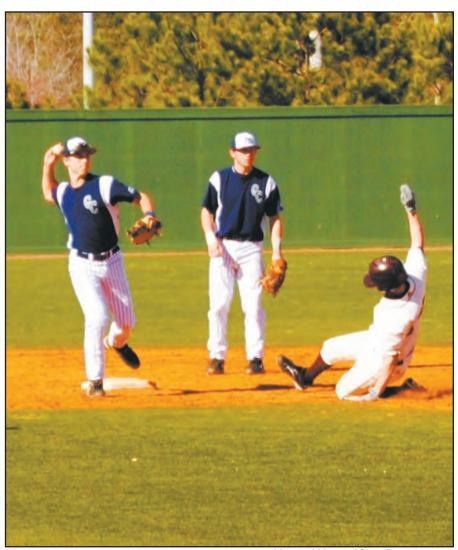
"Probably Kim Kardashian. I really like the way she dresses."

Is there any item that you always wear or have with you? "I always carry a bag. I like to wear a lot of jewelry and I have a lot of family heirlooms that I like to wear."

For more of the trendy girls see the Close up section on GCSUnade.com

# Sports

# Baseball now ranked No. 1



VANESSA WHITED / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior shortstop Tanner Funk turns a double play with help from junior second baseman Luke McKay against Philadelphia. The Bobcats outscored the Rams 76-8 in the four game series.

Bobcats win streak at 11 after sweeping Philadelphia U., rolling past Benedict

> Victoria Garofalo STAFF WRITER

After winning 11 consecutive games, the Georgia College Bobcats baseball team (14-2) is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation.

The Bobcats continued to dominated offensively and pitch lights out, sweeping Philadelphia University last weekend and then beating Benedict College on March 1. The Bobcats are still undefeated at home with a 10-0 mark.

Last weekend the Bobcats had a four-game sweep against Philadelphia, totally dominating them, 76-8 over the span of four games.

'The season has been good so far; we have a lot of work to do and we've been waiting on conference for about four weeks now, "senior rightfielder Shawn Ward said. "We have older guys keeping people focused, and that has helped us get several key wins this season so far."

On Feb. 25, the Bobcats started

off the four game series beating the Rams by a football-like score, 24-0. This series was the first set of games for the Rams.

Philadelphia's four pitchers gave up 11 walks in total, and in just the third inning alone, the Bobcats had 17 hits and scored 11 runs. This was the start of Bobcat domination out on the field this past weekend. To start off the series, senior lefty pitcher Jason Nicholas had 13 strikeouts, only allowing two singles in his six innings pitching before sophomore Michael Jeanes came in for the last three innings, striking out four players and allowing no hits.

It was a hit-fest, with many players contributing. Going 3-4 with three runs and six RBI's, junior shortstop Tanner Funk played well alongside sophomore leftfielder Ikaika Anderson, who hit a three-run home run as part of a 3-for-5 performance, driving in four and scoring three times. Junior leftfielder Josh Young drove in five on a 2-for-5 day, scoring three times, and junior centerfielder Patrick Daugherty was 2-for-4 with four runs scored and an RBI.

The Bobcats continued their luck as they went on to embarrass the Rams again in a Feb. 26 doubleheader, winning the first game 18-4 and then cruising to a 26-0 shutout.

Georgia College attacked and dominated early, starting off the game with a 9-0 lead in the first inning and never looking back, ending the game with 10 hits and 18 runs overall. Senior pitcher Eric Pettepher went the first six innings, striking out four and only allowing one earned run on four hits. Patrick Daugherty scored three times for the Bobcats, while Senior right fielder Shawn Ward went 3-for-7 with four RBI and had three runs,

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# Breaking The Pule

CALEB RULE SPORTS COLUMNIST

To quote friend and Sports Editor Scotty Thompson: "Why?"

Have you seen the latest Sports Illustrated cover? Featured front and center: Jason Heyward and Freddie Freeman, ordained with a title of "The Boys of Summer."

Uh-oh.

There are some things in sports one can only describe as uncanny. Or simply inexplicable. The 5-12 upset in March Madness, the Chicago Cubs, Terrell Owens' employment, Mark freaking Cuban, and Seattle NBA fans watching Kevin Durant tear it up in Oklahoma City all qualify.

The Sports Illustrated curse fits too.

For those who don't know, whoever has been featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated has promptly played awful, or had some misfortune happen to them.

It's not an every-week thing, but it occurs so often, many athletes believe in the legend.

Heck, Sports Illustrated themselves did an article on the topic in 2002 by Alexander Wolf. Check out what he

"...we heard from sports psychologist Jim Loehr, who believes that there is an SI Cover Jinx of sorts...'

To be fair, Loehr said being featured on the cover brings a heightened expectation of an athlete to perform, and many athletes have trouble with that.

Great. That's exactly what Braves fans want to hear regarding the two young guns with big expectations already on their shoulders.

Last year, "J-Hey" started off the year well, but then fell off towards the end of the season. He still hit .277 with 18 HR and 72 RBI, posting a .393 on base percentage. These are all solid numbers, and I'd take any guy who hits that in my

But that was Heyward's first season; fans want him hitting 30 HR and 110 RBI Then there's the next big thing: Freddie Freeman.

outfield.

He didn't look so hot in his brief late-season appearances, managing four hits in 24 at-bats. Still, he's the first baseman of our future and capable of being a good power guy at the corner, given time.

Of course, that's assuming neither of them blows out a knee in spring training or tears his ACL. It's the curse, right?

And Atlanta fans know, after going this long with only one professional sports championship, that something just has to go wrong.

But hey, look at the bright side! Wolf found that from 1954 to 2002, only 37.1 percent of athletes were jinxed. So there's a 62.9 percent

chance we'll be perfectly

fine!

**Notable Stat 26.2** 

Miami Heat small forward LeBron James' average points per game during the 2010-11 regular season. The Heat are currently ranked ninth overall in the NBA.

# Women's hoops tops Columbus, advances

Bobcats use balanced scoring effort in 63-45 rout of Cougars, move on to PBC Final Four

TAYLOR LAMB STAFF REPORTER

The Georgia College women's basketball team is moving on to the Peach Belt Conference semifinals after beating Columbus State 63-45 on March 2. The visiting Cougars were no strangers to the Centennial Center as the Bobcats had dominated them two weeks earlier at home. With only one day of North Georgia, the Bobcats took control again.

'Anytime you can play on your home court the percentage will tell you you've got a better chance of winning," Head Coach Maurice Smith said after the team earned him his first playoff win as a head coach. The Bobcats, coming in as the No. 2 seed in the PBC West, were all business for their opening tournament game. Senior guard Chimere Jordan, the team's fierce leader, did a little bit of everything by leading the Bobcats in points with 14, along with six rebounds, five assists and four steals. Georgia College jumped on Columbus early after Jordan's initial finger roll layup landed.

"Go hard before the first media timeout," Jordan said. "Hold them to eight

Answering the coaches' reaching, with 10 minutes remaining, the Bobcats were controlling the floor up 20-7.

The Cougars' troubles started early with numer-ous passes forced out of bounds and air balls. Relying on fouls to help slow the Bobcats, Columbus State put the Bobcats at the free throw line 15 times with Georgia College sinking 10. Sophomore Karisma Boykin, the Bobcats explosive point guard,

week against Columbus, also providing six assists. In the first half of Wednesday's game, Boykin added 10 of her own with four boards and three steals. Her best looking bucket came from a blatant behind the back shove from Columbus State. Boykin, sustaining her composure mid-air, put up a behind the shoulder layup that kissed the glass for two points. She sunk her free throw for a successful three point play to bring the game into halftime with her team up 38-22. The Bobcats out-rebounded Columbus in the first half and only had six turn overs to their opponents 14.

"We're preaching defense," Smith said. "Let's start off setting the tone with our defense. The effort, the energy, and enthusiasm will make our offense go a whole lot better.'



scored 12 total points last **Women's Hoops** page 14 Junior forward Tammeisha Law goes up for a shot in traffic against Columbus State on March 2. The Bobcats won the game 63-45 and advanced to PBC semifinals.

#### Men's season likely over after 74-68 loss to Montevallo in PBC quarterfinals

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

This season the Georgia College men's basketball team just couldn't come up with an answer to stop Montevallo. The Falcons made it three straight over the Bobcats on March 1, winning 74-68 in the quarterfinals of the Peach Belt Conference tournament and most likely ending Georgia College's season at 16-10 overall

The Bobcats have lost twice since being ranked No. 7 in the most recent region poll, in which the top eight teams are selected to the NCAA Tournament, and the chances of them getting an at large birth to the tournament are

Tuesday night's matchup between the Bobcats and Falcons was largely a back-and-forth affair with both teams remaining deadlocked through the first portion of the opening half. Montevallo eventually gained a five-point lead, but the Bobcats tightened things back up, going into the locker room down 34-32. After the Fal-

The Short Stop

cons opened the second half with a three-pointer to extend their lead back to five points, senior forwards Josh Hurst and Reece Wiedeman made a three-pointer and a layup respectively to tie the game at 37-37 with 18:21 left.

Later in the half, the Bobcats got hot. Down 53-51 with 10:19 left, junior guard Jared Holmes hit a pair of free throws to tie the game. After four consecutive free throws from Hurst and Holmes, sophomore guard Ryan Legates hit a jumper, capping an 8-0 run and putting Georgia College ahead 59-53 with 8:35 left. As has been the case this year, however, the Falcons were just a step ahead, going on an 8-0 run of their own to retake the lead 61-59 with 5:01 left.

The game swung rapidly back and forth in the final minutes with Georgia College taking the lead one more time on a three-pointer from junior forward Ryan Aquino with 2:37 left to make the score 66-65. The lead was short-lived though, as Jervan Jackson hit a short jumper with

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## Season Highlights

Feb. 10 - The Bobcats upset then No. 7 Augusta State 73-69 in front of a raucous crowd at the Centennial Center, one of the biggest victories in school history.

Feb. 16 - In a wild three-overtime marathon, the Bobcats topped PBC West champions Georgia Southwestern, 85-83.

Feb. 26 - In the regular season finale, junior forward Jared Holmes hit a jump shot in the closing seconds as the Bobcats rallied to beat North Ga.

## **Upcoming Home Games**

**Tennis:** 

March 8 2 p.m. Concord March 9 2 p.m. North Ga.

**Baseball:** March 8

March 9

Softball:

4 p.m. Ohio Dom.

2 p.m. (DH)

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#### **Quote of the Week**

"No, he's his own person where he had the opportunity to make any choice he wanted to make. You can't blame a person for that so that's the way I looked at it."

—Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose's recent response in not begrudging LeBron James after Rose sent him a recruiting pitch last summer to come play for the Bulls via text message. (ESPN)

# Softball picks up pair of conference victories



Junior pitcher Sabrina Chandler delivers a pitch for the Bobcats in their first game against Lincoln Memorial on Feb. 27. The Bobcats lost the game 6-5 and lost the second game 3-1.

# Bobcats split PBC doubleheaders with Francis Marion, Lander, drop pair to Lincoln Memorial

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

Despite its slow start overall, the Georgia College softball team has picked up a pair of key wins early in its conference schedule.

The Bobcats moved to 2-2 in the PBC and 6-18 overall, as they split a home doubleheader with Lander on March 1.

In the opener, the Bobcats rallied from behind to top the Bearcats 4-3 behind a strong performance from junior pitcher Haley Burnett both on the mound and at the plate.

Burnett pitched a complete game, going all seven innings and allowing three runs on six hits with five strikeouts.

It was Burnett's first victory on the mound. She also went 3-for-3 at the plate and drove in all four runs for the Bobcats. Down 1-0 in their half of the first, Georgia College put together a rally to even the score. Senior rightfielder Kati Pickowitz walked, junior catcher Anna Parker had a bunt single, and Burnett singled up the

middle to score Pickowitz and make it a 1-1 game.

Lander retook the lead at 2-1 in the second and held their lead until the fifth when the Bobcats retied the score, as Burnett once again scored Pickowitz with an RBI single. Trailing once more, 3-2 in

the sixth, the Bobcats took a 4-3 lead when Burnett's single down the leftfield line plated senior second baseman Caitlin Duvall and freshman centerfielder Whitney Okvist to set up the win.

"That was a big win for us," Head Coach Jamie Grodecki said. "We played really well, and we're slowly putting stuff together. Consistency is our biggest issue."

In game two, the Bobcats trailed 1-0 until the bottom of the fourth when freshman first baseman Lindsey Conway's sacrifice bunt scored Conway to make it a 1-1 game.

Lander, however, took advantage of three consecutive Bobcat errors in the fifth to take a 3-1 lead and hold on for the win.

Junior Sabrina Chandler suffered the hard luck loss on the mound for the Bobcats, allowing only one earned run in seven innings on just four hits while striking out four.

On Feb. 26, Georgia College began its conference schedule by splitting a home doubleheader with Francis Marion.

The Bobcats dropped the first game 8-4 despite three hits and an RBI from Burnett. Francis Marion scored three times in the sixth to gain some breathing room and secure the victory.

In the second game, Georgia College relied on a strong pitching performance from Duvall, who pitched the final five innings in relief of freshman Chelsie Huffman in a 2-1

Okvist led off the first with a single, stole second and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly from Parker to make it 1-0. The Bobcats extended their lead to 2-0 in the second

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# Tennis teams sweep ASU, men fall to No. 1 Barry

Sam Hunt SENIOR REPORTER

On Feb. 25, the Georgia College men's and women's tennis teams came out on top of Augusta State. For the No. 12 men's team against Augusta St., both teams battled aggressively in a very close competition but the Bobcats triumphed by in a comeback match with the final score at 5-4.

'We needed it, we did not play well the previous weekend, we got through it and we did not have a good showing against Armstrong," Bobcats Head Coach Steve Barsby said. "We talked about fighting through matches and what better way to fight through a match with a six hour 5-4 win. It was a good thing for us early in the season.'

Starting off the match was the No. 1 doubles pair for Georgia College, sophomore Johan Wadstein and junior Jerome Leborgne against Augusta State's Henrique Boturao and Bernado Fernandes. Wadstein and Leborgne played hard and

in the 8-game pro-set. The No. 2 doubles pair for the Bobcats, junior Leo Bernades and sophomore Tyler Franks fought hard, but they were defeated by Augusta State's Victor Guimaraes and Victor Cabellos 8-4.

Juniors Robert Angelucci and Tobias Rausch made up the No. 3 doubles pair for Georgia College and even though the two fought hard and the match was sent into an additional set, they were defeated by Augusta State's Maxime Coulomb and Jenner Stevenson 9-7. At the end of the doubles matches, the Bobcats trailed the Jaguars 2-1 and the match result was to be determined by the singles matches.

In No. 1 singles, Wadstein defeated Augusta State's Fernades 6-3, 6-1. For No. 2 singles, Leborgne, ranked No. 16 in singles, lost his first set 6-7 in tiebreaker, but came back strong and and took the victory when he won his second and third sets both with the final score of 6-4. Bernades in No. 3 singles was up against Cabellos and won his first set 7-6. In the second set, Cabellos came onto the

playing aggressive and shut out Bernades 6-0, which set the two up for a third and final set. Bernades did not let the previous set affect his playing and earned another victory for the Bobcats when he defeated Cabellos 6-3 in the third set. This victory game Georgia College their first lead of the match with the score

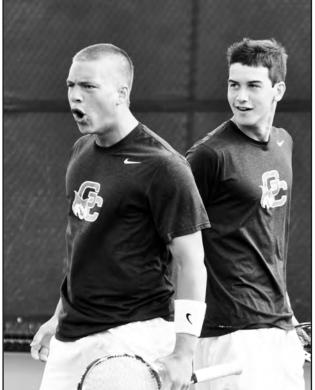
Playing in the No. 4 singles for Georgia College was Rausch, who took on Guimaraes. Raush lost his first set to Guimaraes 5-7, but then came back strong and took the second set 6-1 and the third set 7-6.

In No. 5 singles, Franks battled hard but lost to his opponent 6-4, 6-4. Freshman Mario Cardenas filled in the No. 6 singles position for the Bobcats and even though he played aggressively, he was defeated 6-4. 6-2. Once all of the matches were completed, Georgia College defeated Augusta St. with the final score at 5-4.

The No. 30 Georgia College women's team also defeated Augusta St. 5-4 in a comeback

for the Bobcats, sophomore Kayla Barksdale and senior Bertille Lion were defeated by their opponents 8-3. Able to tie the total score 1-1 for the Bobcats was No. 2 doubles pair sophomore Michelle Lingner and and sophomore May Johnson, who outplayed their opponents and earned a 8-6 win. In the No. 3 doubles slot, freshman Lisa Setyon and sophomore Kim Lochner fought hard against the Jaguars pair and the match went into additional sets, but the Bobcat duo was defeated 8-7.

The Bobcats were able to turn the game around in the singles matches. Lion tied the overall score at 2-2 when she defeated her opponent in the No. 1 singles slot 6-4 in both sets. In No. 2 singles, Johnson kept the momentum going when she triumphed over her opponent 7-5 in the first set and 6-1 in the second set to give Georgia College a 3-2 edge. Barksdale played in the No. 3 singles position but lost 4-6, 3-6. This tied the match at 3-3. In No. 4 singles, Lochner lost



Manoj Kuninti / Staff Photographer Sophomore Johan Wadstein (left) and junior Jerome Leborgne

# Shida, Young lead Golf to second place in Pensacola

Sam Hunt SENIOR REPORTER

The No. 9 Georgia College golf team traveled to Florida on Feb. 29 through March 1 to compete in their second match of the Spring season, taking second place in the Argonaut Invitational hosted by the University of West Florida. The Bobcats finished just three strokes behind the tournament champion, the host No. 5 University of West Florida.

'You want to win, but second's better than third. We've made improvements each week the last two tournaments," Head Coach Jimmy Wilson said. "If we can learn from it and continue to improve and get better every time we go out there we going to be fine by the end of the year.

The Bobcats finished the first round of the invitational with an overall score of 298. On Monday's second round, the Bobcats finished with a combined score of 287, which was 11 strokes lower than West Florida, who finished Monday's second round with a score of 298. For Tuesday's round, Georgia College shot 292, which was just two strokes behind West Florida, who finished at 290.

'Like most of our events, we played 36 holes in one day. Kids don't physically tired but they'll get mental fatigue. It happens to everybody out there and it's the kids can finished the second round, which we did. We had the low round of the tournament in the second round. That's probably the hardest thing to do," Wilson



Yonz

said. "It's something we're going to work on throughout the spring to try to become even more mentally tough."

Finishing first for the Bobcats was senior Billy Shida, who shot a 75 in the opening round and a 74 in Monday's second round. Shida finished out the tournament strong on Tuesday when he shot a 66, which jumped him from 23rd place to third place overall. Finishing second for Georgia College and sixth in the overall tournament was senior Joe Young. Young finished Monday's first round with a 73 and shot a 70 for the second round. On Tuesday he shot a 74, which gave him a total score of 217, finishing just two strokes behind his fellow Bobcat Shida and placing him at sixth in the Argonaut Invitational.

Completing the tournament in third for Georgia College and inside the top-20 for the tournament was senior Matthew Yonz. Following Yonz for the Bobcats was sophomore Patrick Garrett, who finished 25th place in the overall tournament. Bringing up the rear and playing the first tournament of his college career

was junior Bayley Craig, who

#### By The Numbers

The Bobcats' overall team score, just three strokes off the lead.

215

Senior Billy Shida's final score, tying him for third in the tournament.

217

Senior Joe Young's final score, giving him a sixth place finish.

finished 53rd. The Bobcats are next heading to Valdosta State University on March 4 to compete in the First Federal Southeastern Collegiate.

"Coaching golf is different than coaching other sports. It's more of an individual thing so you'll work with each kid individually and share my thoughts on how they can get better," Wilson said.

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2:04 left, putting Montevallo out on top for good. Down 71-68, the Bobcats had one more chance, but when Aquino's three-pointer just barely missed with 30 seconds left. they were forced to foul, and Montevallo knocked down the free throws to seal the

Holmes led the Bobcats in scoring with a career-high 23 points, while Wiedeman, who had several clutch performances down the stretch of the regular season, scored 13. The Bobcats shot a solid 50 percent from the floor and managed to outrebound the Falcons as well. But the downfall proved to be the turnover category, as the Bobcats gave up the basketball 19 times, while only forcing 12 turnovers.

"It was certainly a tough loss," Bobcats Head Coach Terry Sellers said. "The guys gave outstanding effort. We outrebounded them, and we

shot the ball a lot better than last time. We just didn't take good care of the basketball toward the end, and we were forced to foul, and they did what they needed to from the free throw line. But our effort was very good; you just have to say hats off to them."

The season brought some big highlights for Georgia College, the biggest a sixgame winning streak late in the regular season that included upset wins over then No. 7 Augusta State and over PBC West Champion Georgia Southwestern on the road. After losing their three leading scorers from a year ago, the Bobcats had to rely on several new faces.

"The guys really came together throughout the year," Sellers said. "(Holmes) stepped in for us, and after (senior guard Andre Mikell) went down, we had to rely on three young guys — JP Davis, Royal Thomas and Aaron Robinson — had to grow up in a hurry and gave us the majority of our minutes at the point guard position." For Wiedeman, Hurst

and Mikell, who suffered a

season-ending knee injury early in the year, their careers came to an end. In four years, the trio won 80 games, an av-

erage of 20 a season.
"I hate it for Andre. He played so hard for three years behind Ty Rowland, and this was supposed to be his year, but he did great things for us," Sellers said. "Josh has been so dependable for us on defense and rebounding and has always been someone we can count on as a leader and the model citizen we try to recruit here. And of course, Reece really came on strong for us.'

"It was the best year of my life," Hurst said. "We played very hard as a team, and I got to learn a whole lot that helped me grow as a player and as a man. It was just an overall great experience."

Sellers said that the future of the team is nothing short of bright.

"We had some young guys step up this year. They played a lot of close games this year in a tough conference, so they know what to expect," he said. "It's definitely something we can build on.'

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Somehow, the Bobcats' dominant offense got better in the second half, as they continued to punish the Cougars. With Smith constantly on his feet, pacing in excitement or arms crossed in dissatisfaction, his team kept tacking on points from all sides of the court. Last week's return from halftime against Columbus State led to some questionable shots and unsure passes. The Bobcats made sure to over-

come their slow second half start with a display of positive fast breaks. Junior forward Tammeisha Law, who only recorded one field goal in the first half, got going in the second half with two consecutive layups coming off of fast breaks. She ended up with 11 points and nine boards. Freshmen forwards Abby Slocumb and Krysta Lewis showed out in their first collegiate playoff game, combining for 20 points and 13 rebounds.

"It definitely helps being at home because we shoot on the goals constantly," Lewis

Victory ultimately came

from the distribution of points and good looks from many sources. Four Bobcats shot in double digits, and the team field goal percentage was 71 percent.

"That is the most I'm proud about, the team effort," Smith said. "That's what we've been wanting all year and girls are finally stepping up and shooting the ball with confidence."

Georgia College advances to the conference Final Four to play Lander on March 5. Tip-off is set for 1 p.m.

# Swim Cats compete in Mardi Gras Invitational

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This past weekend, the Georgia College Swim Cats raced in their second event of the Spring season.

The Mardi Gras Invitational was hosted on Feb. 26 in New Orleans, by Tulane University. This is the third year that the team has competed in the event.

With more than 40 members, the squad sent their best 14 swimmers to participate in the competition.

The various events that the members participated in were relays, individual medleys and individual heats. With a number of schools from

the Southeast competing in the invitational, the Swim Cats had a strong showing in various events from some of their veteran swimmers. Some of the events that the Swim

Cats excelled in were the men's and women's relay teams, 50 and 100 yard backstrokes, and the 100 yard

Carly Welch, a sophomore exercise science major, was one of the parts of the Swim Cats success. Welch, who competed in the 50 and 100 yard backstroke, came in first place in each of her heats.

"They did not keep any standings or times, but I was first in both of my races," Welch said.

In addition, Welch was a part of the women's relay team that placed in the top 20 of the competition.

Another member of the team that had a solid showing was the team president, Taylor Hayes. Hayes, a senior athletic training major, was able to break his personal record in the 100 yard butterfly by posting a time of 58:86 seconds.

"One of the best parts about the meet was me being able to break my

personal record," Hayes said.
The trip to New Orleans provided an opportunity for the Swim Cats to have some bonding time outside the school atmosphere.

The team had an opportunity to discover various sites around the city, to taste the food and experience the local culture.

"The trip was a good bonding experience, and a good way to get out of Milledgeville," sophomore early education major Katie Breitenbach said.

Through the bonding time outside the meet, old members of the team were able to hang out and connect with the new and upcoming mem-

Between the successes that the team had in the pool and the time that was spent getting to know each other, the team feels like it has a promising

The food was good, the weather was awesome, overall, it was a good trip," sophomore history and political science major Robin Deter said.

The next time that the Swim Cats will be in action will be at the East Coast Conference Championships, which will be hosted at Georgia Tech on April 1.

#### Baseball

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and redshirt junior third baseman Travis Echols drove in a pair himself.

Saturday's second game was the most runs that Georgia College has scored this season and the most in the last four years since 2007.

Daugherty and Echols were having a great Saturday and once again were big players in the second game.

Daugherty went a perfect 5-for-5, scoring 5 runs and seven RBI, while Echols had his first home run since being on a NCAA Division II team, scoring three runs knocking home four and going 4-for-

Redshirt sophomore lefty pitcher Mike Guinane improved to 4-0, pitching for four innings, striking out eight and allowing only one hit. Also, Redshirt junior first baseman Benton Yaun, Funk, Ward Anderson each had two hits.

"I feel like our competition hasn't been good but we've got some competition coming up. We have a lot ahead and we need to keep a level head," Yaun said.

Yet again, the Bobcats were successful and beat the Rams on Feb. 27, 8-4. The Bobcats scored in each of the first five innings, opening up a 7-2 lead and once again held strong.

Redshirt junior righty Chris George pitched his first career victory, throwing the game's first five innings and striking out seven players while allowing only two runs and three hits before redshirt senior Ryan Parson pitched an inning. Junior Second baseman Luke McKay had his first home run at Georgia College in the

Once again Ward was a key hitter for the team, hitting his first home run of the season, finishing with two RBI, scoring three runs and going 3-for-4.

Scoring twice and driving in one, while going 2-for-5, sophomore leftfielder Ikaika Anderson also hit a home run for the Bobcats.

"We have to continue to try to get better. It's tough to learn in lopsided wins and we've had that lately and have kind of gotten sloppy, "Head Coach Tom Carty said."...we need to keep working at practice; it won't be easy."

The Bobcats pulled yet another win, beating Benedict 16-3 on March 1.

Scoring 13 runs in the first inning set the tone for the rest of the game for the Bobcats, who then scored their final 3 runs in the third inning.

'We work hard at practice. The coaches always have things for us to do so we are always prepared for the next thing" Anderson said.

The Bobcats play three games this weekend at North Georgia and then March 8 against Ohio Dominican at John Kurtz Field at 4 p.m.



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Junior first baseman Benton Yaun tags out a Philadelphia runner on Feb 26. The Bobcats won the game 18-4 and swept the weekend series.

#### Softball

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when Conway walked, stole second and scored on an error as junior third baseman Maggie Davis reached on a sacrifice bunt. Francis Marion cut the lead in half in the sixth, but the Bobcats hung on for the

On Feb. 27, the Bobcats dropped a non-conference doubleheader at home against Lincoln Memorial University, 6-5 and 3-1. The Bobcats are back in action this weekend as they travel to Limestone on March 4 and to the Mid-South Classic in Spartanburg, SC on March 5 and 6.

Grodecki said she is trying to stress to the team that the conference record is what re-

Everything up to now has been preparing us for conference play," she said. "I think that we've played well in the conference so far. The games we lost could have gone either way, and it's usually been one bad inning that's hurt us. Thus far I think they realize that, and hopefully the games this weekend will help us get everything together.

#### **Tennis**

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her first round 1-6, but came back strong and defeated her opponent 6-1 in the second set and 7-5 in the third set to take the win. No. 5 singles player Setyon increased the Bobcats' lead win she beat her opponent 6-1. 7-5.

In No. 6 singles, Linger fought hard but suffered a tough defeat against her Augusta St. opponent and lost 2-6, 3-6.

"We had beaten Wingate, who had beaten Augusta St. and Augusta St. is currently ranked ahead of us so to beat them was good for us," Barsby said. "Going into this weekend against Francis

Marion whose a top team I

think the girls will be ready to go."

The men's team was on the road Feb. 27 and suffered a tough defeat to No. 1 Barry College, 8-1.

Franks and Bernardes defeated their opponents in a 9-8 eight game pro set.

Both the men's and women's teams are on the road March 4 to face Francis Marion at 2 p.m.

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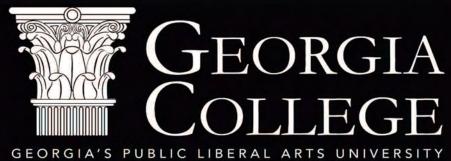
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